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DEADLOCK ON NEW GUINEA

Ex-KMT army for Vietnam

The French and Vietnam authorities have agreed to the training and equipping of some 35,000 former Nationalist soldiers in Indo-China by the United States, said the Independent "Wah Kiu Yat Po" in an unconfirmed report from Saigon yesterday.

The troops are those who evacuated from Kwangtung following the Nationalist collapse on the mainland. They have been interned by the French authorities.

The report added that as a result of negotiations initiated by the American Mission at Saigon, it has been approved that a training centre be set up under the auspices of the American Mission with Chinese General Huang Chieh as commandant.

The United States is to provide instructors and arms. The report said that a training centre has already been set up at Hanol and that the recent shipment of military equipment from the United States has been turned over to the training centre.

Surprise allegation in Manila

Manila, August 10.

Some of the 14 Chinese suspects held by the Philippine Constabulary following a recent raid on Manila's Chinatown for entering the country in violation of immigration laws made the surprising allegation today that they were landed here some time ago from a British gunboat.

They are reported to have claimed that a few British sailors were paid the sum of HK\$200 to smuggle them to Manila on a gunboat. The name of the gunboat was not given and their story aroused no credence.

G-2 officers of the Constabulary are investigating the case further and may make inquiries with the British authorities here.

Fourteen out of 22 Chinese rounded up in Chinatown two days ago are still held at Camp Crame charged with illegal entry.

The unit followed months of surveillance by Constabulary men co-operating with Bureau of Immigration agents.

The authorities indicated other arrests in connection with the crackdown on aliens suspected of evading the immigration regulations may be made.—United Press.

TYPHOON NEAR TAIWAN

Manila, August 10.

A tropical depression which formed off the Northern tip of Luzon yesterday was estimated to be located at 180 miles North East of Basco, in the Batuan Island group, at 2 p.m. Manila time today.

The Weather Bureau forecast the centre will be 310 miles East of the Northern tip of Taiwan Formosa by 2 p.m. tomorrow. Maximum reported winds in the centre were 35 miles per hour.

The low caused heavy rainfall through Central and Northern Luzon tonight, adding to the extensive crop damage already caused by floods from almost 10 days of heavy rainfall. Many highways North of Manila are impassable because of washed-out small bridges and landslides in the mountain regions.—Associated Press.

The weather

At 0800 GMT (3 p.m. HKST), the trough of low pressure which stretches Eastward from China to a depression E of the Loochows has extended Northward from this depression over Hainan. The tropical depression which lies to the South is situated about 150 miles E of Southern Formosa, and continues to show no sign of development.

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Patrols three miles from city as enemy retreating NAKTONG RIVER FRONT

Tokyo, August 10.

United States forces smashed to within three miles of Chinju on the Korean South coast today, hurling the Red troops into chaotic retreat. North Koreans were throwing down their weapons in panicky flight toward burning Chinju.

The Korean Reds were believed to be caught in a giant trap sprung by the junction of the 5th and 35th Regiments at Panisong, 12 miles East of Chinju.

United States and South Korean troops were also steadily tightening their nooses around enemy bridgeheads on the East bank of the Naktong River forming the Western anchor of the Allied beachhead. The reinforced U.S. 24th Division pushed an estimated 4,000 enemy troops back into the Southern bulge of the Naktong with a three-prong assault against the main enemy beachhead.

Action on the Naktong River bulge front today shifted suddenly to the Southern sector where North Korean troops of undetermined numbers began streaming toward a highway which leads toward Masan.

It was not known whether the enemy was moving Southward in force or whether the several hundred troops were merely exploring the American strength in the area where the Nam River runs into the Naktong.

The North Korean troops succeeded in establishing a roadblock on a bridge across the Naktong near Namki which lies several miles South East of the bulge area where American troops have been trying for five days to throw the enemy back across the Naktong River.

One half of troops which may number anywhere from 20 to 100 or more travelled Northward up the highway and established another roadblock a little more than a mile from an American command post.

Southward move

One column of 60 enemy troops was seen moving Southward from the bulge area and another column containing six vehicles carrying troops was seen moving in the same direction a short time later.

Meanwhile, action in the Northward part of the bulge was fairly stable. As night fell the American troops were holding strong positions and were continuing their efforts to shove enemy troops across the river.

Several miles to the North, American forces captured 50 guerrillas dressed in white uniforms. Twenty of the guerrillas were dug in but were surprised by a tank patrol and gave up without fighting even though they were armed. The rest of the surrendering troops were captured in various places. All of them were found to have boxes of white clothing and condensed food.

American planes dropped leaflets behind the Communist lines unrelentingly, safe conduct through the American positions if they would surrender. American forces were told to honour the safe conduct passes if enemy units did surrender.

Two smaller bridgeheads West of Taegu, temporary capital of South Korea, had been contained by the First Cavalry Division. The Communists shelled the rear of their own units yesterday in a futile effort to prevent the abandonment of a fourth bridgehead some 10 miles Northwest of Taegu. Communist shells were estimated to have killed or wounded 900 Red troops, and South Korean troops routed the survivors.

Yongdok falls

The only Allied setback came on the East coast where South Korean units abandoned Yongdok, 88 miles up the coast from the American supply port of Pusan. The South Koreans took up new positions 1,000 yards South. They claimed to have checked a Communist flanking thrust across inland mountains at a point 25 miles West NorthWest of Pohang, 23 miles South of Yongdok.

On the South coast, vanguards of the 35th Infantry Regiment reached the Nam River some three miles East of Chinju on the fourth day of the first American offensive of the Korean War. It also pushed the 18th Regimental Tagger and a reinforced Marine Battalion back into the sea.

South coast and sent the North Korean 6th Division into disorganised retreat.

"The Division being driven back to the city could not disengage itself long enough to take up previously prepared positions," the spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur said. He said the enemy was abandoning not only heavy weapons but also rifles, machine-guns and mortars in his flight.

"Retreat"

The spokesman said: "The enemy is taking off to the rear. It is in the nature of a rout. But then the spokesman corrected himself and said: 'It is not a rout but it is a retreat.' It is more than a withdrawal of the 35th and 5th Regiment at Panisong virtually completed Allied recapture of the Eastern approaches to Chinju. The 35th Regiment had spurned along the main Pusan-Chinju highway and the railway virtually without opposition during the early stages of the offensive while the 5th Regiment and the Marines had to fight for every yard along secondary roads to the South, against Red troops entrenched in hills above them.

Trapped between the two American columns were uncounted hundreds of North Korean troops.

General MacArthur's spokesman said of these: "Small pockets of enemy forces scattered throughout the area are being systematically reduced."

General MacArthur's spokesman said the North Korean 6th Division, which bore the brunt of the American offensive, is in a serious position. It suffered very heavy losses in the American offensive, he said, even though few prisoners have been taken.

The spokesman said: "The enemy is getting a taste of his own medicine."

He said it appeared that the First North Korean Division, originally reported to be in a Chinju area, may have been shifted North to the Naktong River front. He added: "Captured orders indicate the Reds were giving first priority to the Naktong crossings."

U.S. assault

The American command opened a three-way assault on the main enemy bridgehead in a choppy Chinju area, may have been shifted North to the Naktong River front. He added: "Captured orders indicate the Reds were giving first priority to the Naktong crossings."

Infantry units, which arrived in Korea only recently from the United States, began a frontal attack at 7:45 p.m. GMT Wednesday (4:45 a.m. Thursday HK time) against a two and one-half to four-mile deep bridgehead after a terrific artillery and aerial bombardment. At Chinju, the 24th Division's 19th Regiment ripped into the enemy's Northern flank and the 34th Regiment into the Southern flank.

An hour later the Communists counter-attacked. Fighting raged at close range with both sides using hand grenades.

Later reports said the counter-attack failed to ground while the main American frontal thrust carried across a hill toward the city, some 10 miles East of Chinju. The 19th Regiment also was reported to be inching forward into the enemy's Northern flank. About 100 North Koreans fled back across the river at the Northern end of the Chinju area, the spokesman said.

back in some sectors to the South East corner of the bridgehead. No general withdrawal had begun, however.

Two light tanks and swarms of Allied planes supported the Americans. Fighter aircraft were dropping fire bombs on the North Korean positions just behind the battle line.

A spokesman at General MacArthur's headquarters said the Americans were advancing on Chinju and were less than three miles from the big transport centre.

The text of the Eighth Army communique issued at 0130 GMT (10:30 a.m. HK time) said: "Elements of the United Nations forces in Korea battled aggressively today on all sectors of the front to maintain and expand their beachhead."

Task Force Kean continued its advance today with patrols of the Fifth Regiment, linking up with those of the 35th Regiment at Taeshonni, six miles East of the enemy-held high ground protecting Chinju. Enemy resistance in this area is composed mainly of small scattered units which have harassed Task Force Kean with delaying action. The Fifth Marine Regiment has leading elements in Kosong which is an advance of 12 miles.

Reds take Kigye

Red units working with guerrillas captured the mountain town of Kigye, nine miles North West of Pohang, after an unopposed march through tortuous terrain. The value of this conquest remained obscure because of Red supply problems.

Allied fighter craft continued their curtain of fire along the front lines, flying 307 ground support sorties yesterday.

B-29 bombers in ceaseless North Korean raids have made railroad movements difficult from supply sources to the battle zone, an air spokesman said. Today they dropped a record 625 tons of explosives in strikes on Korean targets in the Wonsan area. These included the Chosen oil refinery railroad and highway bridges.

The spokesman reported a total of 84 North Korean planes have been shot down or destroyed around during the war. In that period 31 American land-based planes of all types have been lost. Two 27,000-ton carriers sent their Navy pilots over the front again today after one day off for refuelling. Marine pilot yesterday flew through every minute of daylight and some of them were so low they came under the arc of Communist mortar fire.—United Press and Associated Press.

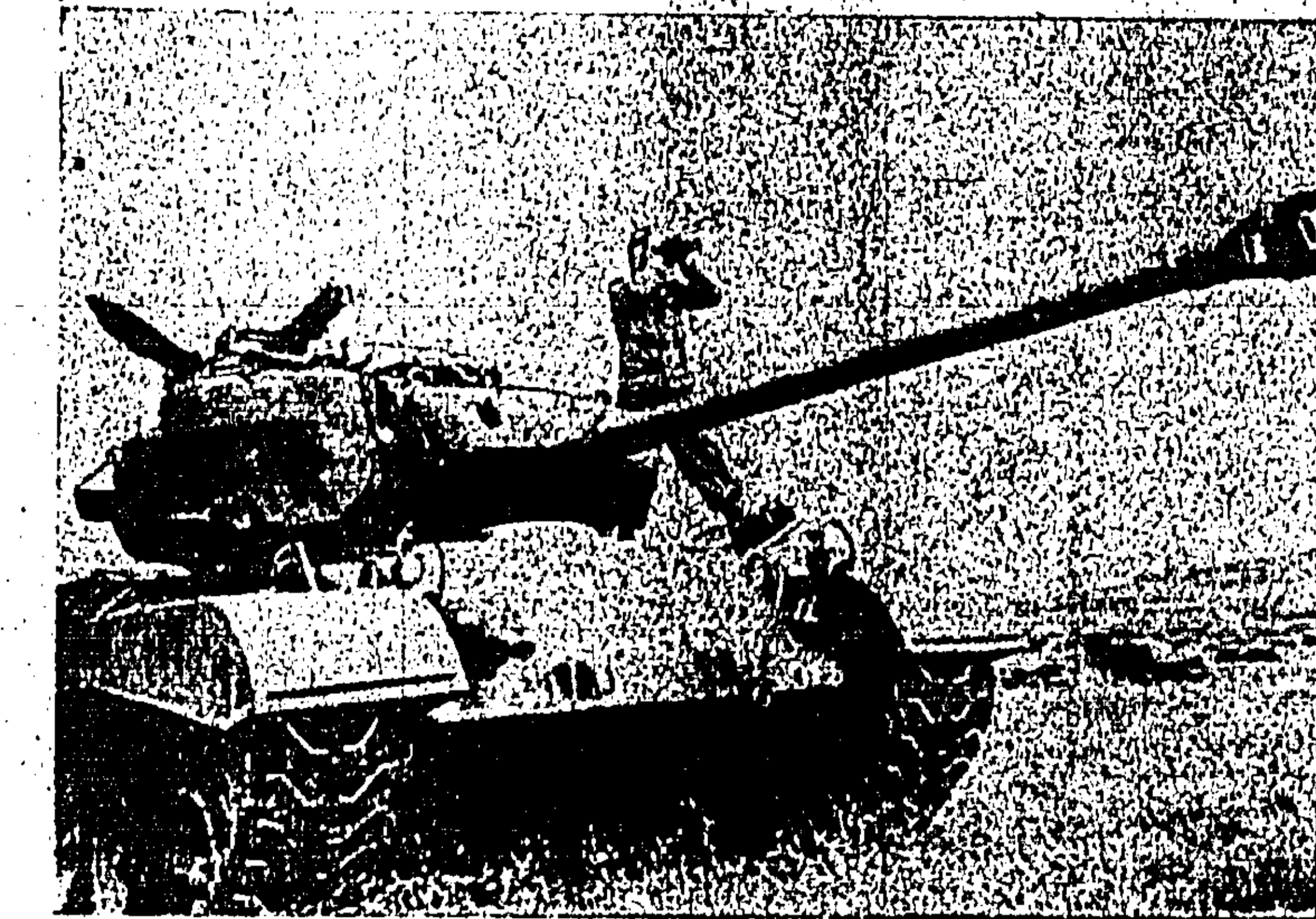
Two dead in traffic mishap

A fatal traffic accident occurred at 2:30 p.m. yesterday when an Army truck is alleged to have knocked down five Chinese pedestrians before a ten-hour halt on the motor road at Ping Shan, New Territory.

Two women were killed in the accident, and another woman, while another woman, identified as Lu Tin, was seriously injured. Two brothers, identified as Wu Chung and Wu Hing, were slightly injured.

The seriously injured woman was rushed to Kowloon Hospital, while the two slightly injured had their injuries treated at a hospital at Yuen Tai.

The two women killed in the accident were not identified.



A tank crew member observes results of firing of the 90 mm high velocity turret gun on a U.S. Army M-26 'General Pershing' tank in South Korea before big tanks of this type were sent to the front to strengthen American defences. The gun is capable of knocking out enemy tanks at ranges of two miles or more. The M-26 has a lower silhouette, is heavier than the Sherman tank and has increased armour protection. The U.S. 1st Marine Division is equipped with heavy tanks, flame-throwers and other armour.—(AP photo).

MACARTHUR HITS OUT AT MISREPRESENTATIONS

Tokyo, August 10.

General Douglas MacArthur charged today that his recent trip to visit Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Taiwan has been maliciously misrepresented to the public by defeatists and appeasers aiming to create disunity and destroy American confidence.

Jap treaty complicated

Dr. Wellington Koo, Nationalist China's Ambassador to the United States, said yesterday that the conclusion of a Japanese peace treaty has become complicated as a result of the China situation, according to vernacular reports from Taipei.

Dr. Koo, who arrived in Taiwan a few days ago for consultations with the Government, added that it is found impossible to conclude the treaty, any other way will have to be worked out.

He said that the powers concerned may submit the question to the United Nations for settlement and that a United Nations military force may be stationed in Japan after the problem was solved.

He added that Taiwan's legal status will be decided when the time is ripe. He did not elaborate.

PI export ban of certain goods to HK

Manila, August 10.

The Philippine Cabinet has voted a complete ban to be imposed on the export to Hong Kong of abaca, petroleum products and other strategic war materials, banking sources reported today.

The sources reported the full ban, which has not yet been confirmed by the government, follows the recent action ordering thorough screening of abaca exports to determine whether any shipments were falling into the hands of the Chinese Communist after reaching Hong Kong.

The action of the Cabinet was said to have been in conformity with United States wishes that no potential war materials be allowed to be exported to Korea, Communist China, Taiwan or Manchuria.

The government authorities are reported to have decided that mere limitations only, as earlier planned, would not serve the purpose desired, as boot-licking merchants would find ways to circumvent the regulations.—United Press.

SIGN OF LUCK

London, August 10.

A black cat, considered a sign of good luck by most Britons, accompanied the grounds of Clarence House today while Princess Elizabeth awaited the birth of her second child.—United Press.

General MacArthur said his trip to Taiwan was formally arranged and co-ordinated before hand with all branches of the American and Chinese governments.

The supreme commander, in a bitterly worded statement released at his Tokyo headquarters, said his trip to the seat of the Chinese Nationalist Government was limited entirely to military matters. He added that it had no connection with political affairs.

"The subject of the future of the Chinese government, or developments on the Chinese mainland or anything else outside the scope of my own responsibility was not discussed or even mentioned," he said.

General MacArthur said his visit has been maliciously misrepresented to the public by those who invariably in the past have propagated a policy of defeatism and appeasement in the Pacific.

Mis-statements

"I hope the American people will not be misled by such speculation and bold mis-statements, invariably attributed to anonymous sources, so indignantly fed to them; but nationally and internationally, by persons 10,000 miles away from actual events, which tend, if they are not indeed designed, to promote disunity and destroy faith and confidence in American purposes and institutions and American representatives at this time of world peril," the release stated.

General MacArthur flew to Taiwan on July 31 and returned to his Tokyo headquarters two days later. It marked the first time he had spent a night out of Japan since the occupation began.

After his return there was speculation that General MacArthur had gone to see Generalissimo Chiang as a prelude to increased United States help for the Nationalist in their war against the Chinese Communists.—United Press.

MALIK SAY YES IN PRINCIPLE

Lake Success, August 9.

Russia's Jacob Malik agreed tentatively today to meet other members of the UN Security Council in a secret session tomorrow to discuss the Communist statement on the Korean issue.

This was disclosed after a two-hour meeting of non-Communist members of the Security Council in the British delegation office.

A British spokesman said Malik had agreed in principle to attend a meeting behind closed doors tomorrow, but he would not say whether Malik would actually attend the session.—Associated Press.

POST-PICNIC DISASTER

East Millinocket, Maine, August 10.

Four children were killed and at least 15 others were critically injured last night when a 10-ton truck carrying 30 children and two adults from a playground picnic overturned on a curving downgrade.

Three of the children were killed outright and one other died en route to a hospital.

Most of the picnicers were trapped under the truck en route from the Cold Stream Farm, in a nearby community.

Eight of the injured were taken by ambulances to a Millinocket hospital. Two others were taken to a hospital at Lincoln and at least one other child was taken to the Eastern Maine General Hospital in Bangor which was alerted for additional casualties.—United Press.

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112101	112400	9.30 a.m.
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112701	113000	10.30 a.m.
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113301	113600	11.30 a.m.
113601	113900	12 noon
113901	114200	12.30 p.m.
114201	114500	2.15 p.m.
114501	114800	2.45 p.m.
114801	115100	3.15 p.m.
115101	115400	3.45 p.m.
115401	115700	4.15 p.m.

TUESDAY, 15th AUGUST

115701	116000	9.00 a.m.
116001	116300	9.30 a.m.
116301	116600	10.00 a.m.
116601	116900	10.30 a.m.
116901	117200	11.00 a.m.
117201	117500	11.30 a.m.
117501	117800	12 noon
117801	118100	12.30 p.m.
118101	118400	2.15 p.m.
118401	118700	2.45 p.m.
118701	119000	3.15 p.m.
119001	119300	3.45 p.m.
119301	119600	4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 16th AUGUST

119601	119900	9.00 a.m.
119901	120200	9.30 a.m.
120201	120500	10.00 a.m.
120501	120800	10.30 a.m.
120801	121100	11.00 a.m.
121101	121400	11.30 a.m.
121401	121700	12 noon
121701	122000	12.30 p.m.
122001	122300	2.15 p.m.
122301	122600	2.45 p.m.
122601	122900	3.15 p.m.
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123201	123500	4.15 p.m.

THURSDAY, 17th AUGUST

123501	123800	9.00 a.m.
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124401	124700	10.30 a.m.
124701	125000	11.00 a.m.
125001	125300	11.30 a.m.
125301	125600	12 noon
125601	125900	12.30 p.m.
125901	126200	2.15 p.m.
126201	126500	2.45 p.m.
126501	126800	3.15 p.m.
126801	127100	3.45 p.m.
127101	127400	4.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, 18th AUGUST

127401	127700	9.00 a.m.
127701	128000	9.30 a.m.
128001	128300	10.00 a.m.
128301	128600	10.30 a.m.
128601	128900	11.00 a.m.
128901	129200	11.30 a.m.
129201	129500	12 noon
129501	129800	12.30 p.m.
129801	130100	2.15 p.m.
130101	130400	2.45 p.m.
130401	130700	3.15 p.m.
130701	131000	3.45 p.m.
131001	131300	4.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, 19th AUGUST

131301	131600	9.00 a.m.
131601	131900	9.30 a.m.
131901	132200	10.00 a.m.
132201	132500	10.30 a.m.
132501	132800	11.00 a.m.
132801	133100	11.30 a.m.
133101	133400	12 noon
133401	133700	12.30 p.m.

W. F. C. JENNER,
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Painter gets nine years' sentence

A verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned
yesterday by the jury trying the 21-year-old
painter, Chiu Kau, who was alleged to have bludgeoned a fellow-
painter to death with an iron bar while he
slept.

Acquitted of the murder charge at the Criminal
Sessions and given nine years' hard labour
for manslaughter, the youthful prisoner
jumped for joy after the Court had risen.

The jury of five men and
two women deliberated for
about an hour before return-
ing the verdict of manslaughter
by a majority of five to
two, adding a recommenda-
tion of mercy. They unanim-
ously acquitted the accused of
murder.

Chiu was accused of murder-
ing Li Ping-fat around mid-
night on May 17 at the Shek
Kung Military Camp at Kam Tin, New
Territories, while the deceased
was in bed. Both Chiu and Li
slept in the same Nissen hut,
which was occupied by a gang of
about 10 painters at the time.

The prisoner was tried before
Mr. Justice Gould, Senior Puisne
Judge. Chiu was defended by Mr.
Charles Loseby, KC. The prosecutor
was Mr. Peter Mo of Wilkinson and
Grist. The case was heard by Mr.
A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, who
was assisted by Detective Sub-
Inspector W. J. Wall.

The prosecution alleged that 10
days before the incident,
there was a quarrel between
Chiu and Li over what the ac-
cused got up, took up an iron
bar, walked over to the sleeping
Li and beat him with it. The
latter subsequently died of a
fractured skull and haemorrhage.

The accused was further al-
leged to have dragged the
wounded man out of the hut, de-
posited him some distance away
on a wet ground, and then re-
turned to bed. The dying man
was found shortly after by two
British soldiers, and the police
were summoned.

In defence, Chiu maintained
that while he was lying awake
in his bed because of the heat,
the deceased had approached
him and reminded him of their
quarrel.

The chase

The deceased then picked up
a scraper from the corner and
made for Chiu, who dashed
out of the hut in flight, with
Li in pursuit. A little distance
away, he saw that Li was
closing in on him, and he
quickly picked up something
from the ground which turned
out to be an iron bar.

With it, he struck out at the
deceased. In the short scuffle that
followed, Li was knocked down.
Accused contended he had thus
killed the deceased in self-
defence.

Defence counsel: In the course
of his closing address to the jury
pointed out that there was no
evidence of any trail of blood
leading from the deceased's bed
out of the doorway of the hut, if
the prosecution case was right.
He also told the jury that the
room-mate of the deceased, when
cross-examined by him, had dis-
closed that he had heard two men
running out of the door.

Counsel then submitted they
should bring in a verdict of not
guilty, on the evidence.

In his summing-up, Mr. Justice
Gould directed the jury that
they could either bring in a ver-
dict of murder or manslaughter.
When the verdict had been
delivered, Mr. Loseby in a plea
of mitigation told the Court that
the verdict involved the finding
by the jury that the offence
in question was committed under
circumstances of great provoca-
tion, which subject was dealt
with by Mr. Justice Gould in his
summing-up.

Heat of moment

Counsel asked the Court to
take this into consideration in
passing sentence, as well as
the fact that the prisoner was
a young man with a complete-
ly clear record. He asked fur-
ther that the Court adopt the
view that the crime was an
impulsive one, done in the heat of
the moment without the realisation
of the consequences involved.
In passing sentence, the Senior
Puisne Judge, said, he was also
taking into consideration the pri-
soner's youth and that he had
been in employment.

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Chuen, junk master, whom he
fined \$4,000 last week in addition
to the confiscation for attempted
export of unmanifested cargo
and fuel oil.

In ordering the goods to be
returned to defendant, the Magis-
trate, however, imposed an ad-
ditional fine of \$750, saying that
it was his duty as a ship master
to see that all cargoes be man-
ifested.

Mr. A. el Arculli in making the
application for review said that
the goods did not belong to his
client but to shipowners.

The law caught up with Law
Tung, unemployed, yesterday
when he was sentenced to six
months' hard labour by Mr.
James Wicks at Kowloon.

Law stole 256 fountain pens
worth \$540 from a Yee
Street shop on March 1 this year
and left his finger prints behind.
Last Sunday he was caught
while stealing a Hawaiian shirt
and \$35 from a house in Ngau
Chi Wan. He was also ordered
to be expelled.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek
told Nationalist leaders in Taipei
yesterday that the Northern Ex-
pedition which he successfully
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seldom are in such contracts.
Absolutely vital to them, how-
ever, is the determination to find
methods which will save hazard-
ous endeavours if they work.

S A Q 4
H K J 6
D 10 9 8 4
C 6 3

S J 8 7 6
H A 10 9
D 8 5
C 10 9 6 4

S A K 9
H K J 7
D K Q 10 4 2
C Q J

(Dealer: North. Both sides vul-
nerable).

North East South West
1 C Pass 1 D Pass
2 C Pass 3 H Pass
4 NT Pass 6 D Pass
5 NT Pass 6 C

North on this final rubber
deal of the evening was Lou-
Baker Wicky, known to crone-
in New York and Harrisburg,
Pa., as a player who can be a
top-notch when he decides to
be one. His partner, familiar
with his tendencies, hoped this
was one of his best stretches, so
bid a bit boldly himself at the
outset.

When the 5-No Trumps Black-
reached South, however, he de-

led?

Tomorrow's Problem
S Q 4 2
H Q
D 7 6 5
C A K 8 7 5

S J 10 8
H A 10 9
D 8 5
C 10 9 6 4

S A K 9
H K J 7
D K Q 10 4 2
C Q J

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How should South play at 3
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CINEMA WORLD

Bob Taylor good as Indian scout

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The ingredients of a fairly good outdoor drama—action gun fights, Indian forays and beautiful scenic backgrounds—are effectively combined in "Ambush", which brings Robert Taylor, John Hodiak and Arlene Dahl to Queen's and Alhambra screens.

The drama is of a wily scout employed by an Army post commander to lead troops to the capture of a marauding and murderous Apache renegade.



FRANCIS "Hee-haw"

A mule? You fool, it's Francis!

Rating: ★ ★

Once again Hollywood has produced a picture much out of the ordinary which tests the audience's credulity to the limit.

The picture, "Francis," the talking Army mule, is a Universal-International picture, adapted from the novel by David Stern and is now at the King's. The story centres round an Army mule during the Burma Campaign named Francis "spelt with an 'f'" as the mule itself puts it, who rescues a U.S. Army Second Lieutenant, played by Donald O'Connor and then helps him to become a hero by tipping him off about Japanese movements.

The mule, however, also leads to O'Connor being tossed into the hospital psychopathic ward because his superior officers refuse to believe that his information comes from a talking mule.

The "brass" is finally convinced and Francis is sent to Washington, but the plane taking Francis there crashes en route, and in the final fade-out, Francis is found to be occupying a de luxe apartment in the garage of O'Connor's home.

Acting honours go to Francis, the talking mule but Donald O'Connor also gives a fine performance as the chicken-headed Second Lieutenant, Peter Stirling, who becomes a hero much against his will, while Patricia Medina, who pretends to be a refugee from the Japanese but is really an Axis spy, does little more than look pretty.

However the supporting cast is well chosen, with Zasu Pitts, as the psychopathic ward nurse who takes a motherly interest in Lieutenant O'Connor, giving a grand performance.

John McIntire plays the part of General Stevens, Commander of the Forces in Burma, with great relish and is very convincing as the typical hard-boiled General who finally believes that there is such a thing as a talking mule after hearing Francis talk himself.

The escape of Robert Taylor, cast as the scout, from his Apache pursuers, a battle between Indians and troopers, the animosity between Taylor and John Hodiak, playing the post's stuffed-shirt second-in-command, a thrilling ambush set by Diabito, the Apache renegade and his followers, and Taylor's final deadly encounter with the Indian, are action highlights of a story revolving around a triangle comprising Taylor, Hodiak and Arlene Dahl.

"Ambush" offers Taylor his first Western characterisation, since the memorable "Billy the Kid", and he gives the part of the scout a rugged, two-fisted validity. Hodiak is good as Captain Lorrison, who sticks by what West Point has taught him, and the fetching Miss Dahl is alluring enough to make the feud between the two men over her charms seem more than reasonable.

There are also a number of fine supporting portrayals, among them those of Don Taylor as a trooper in love with the unhappily married Jean Hagen, John McIntire as an intrepid fighter, Bruce Cowling as a drunken wife beater, Leon Ames as the post commandant, and Charles Stevens as the murderous Diabito.

Filmed almost entirely on location in New Mexico, "Ambush" offers its spectators a visual as well as dramatic treat, its breathtaking shots of mountains and canyons in which the Apache battles take place are among the finest ever seen on the screen.

"Tales of Hoffmann"

Filming has started on Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's Technicolor version of Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffmann", silent stage at Shepperton Studios, which has been unused since Alexander Korda made screen history there with his film of H. G. Wells' "Things to Come". In 1934, another milestone of screen history is being marked.

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STAR WANTED TO ADOPT GRANDMOTHER'S NAME

When Susan Hayward, star of Samuel Goldwyn's "My Foolish Heart", which is coming to the King's shortly started her film career, she wanted to adopt the name of her grandmother, Katie Harrigan, who was a prominent actress in Ireland. Producers talked her out of the idea.

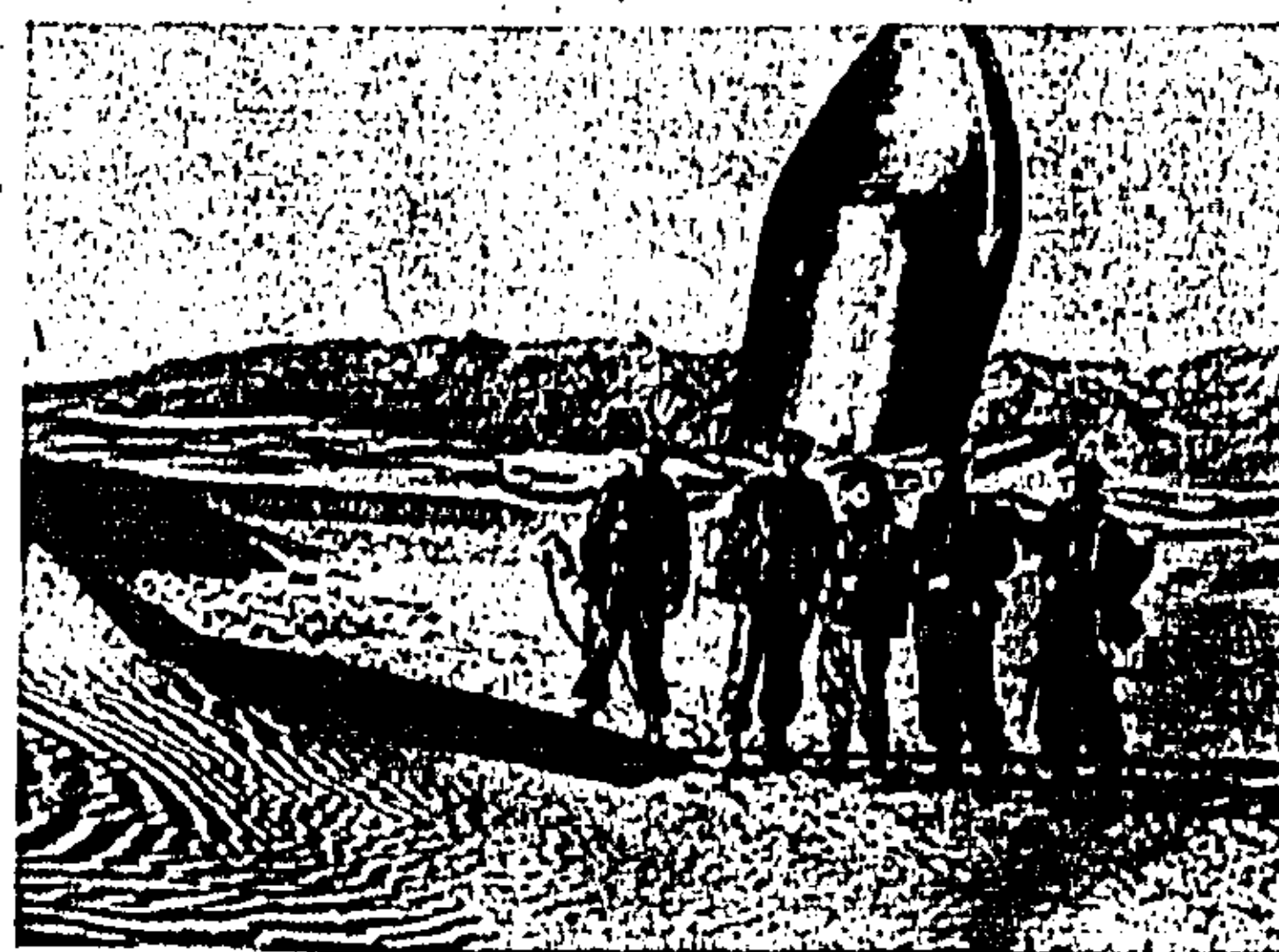
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There is nothing cheap or sensational about the handling of the picture, which was ably directed by Neumann. The plot has an engrossing quality and is told with pertinent dialogue and expert use of special effects. The photography, it should be mentioned, is excellent.

Director Neumann has drawn convincing performances from the relatively unknown cast. It is no high-faloot script he has written and produced, one in which the problems as they can be approached today are thoughtfully handled and concluded.

The story concerns the flight of the first rocket expedition to the moon and the adventures that befall the crew when they wind up on Mars due to factors beyond their control. It is at this stage that facts are replaced by fantasy—at least as far as we are concerned. Whether there is a race of Martians, whether they possessed once a highly developed civilization which was destroyed by atomic warfare is beyond our confirmation.

RATINGS

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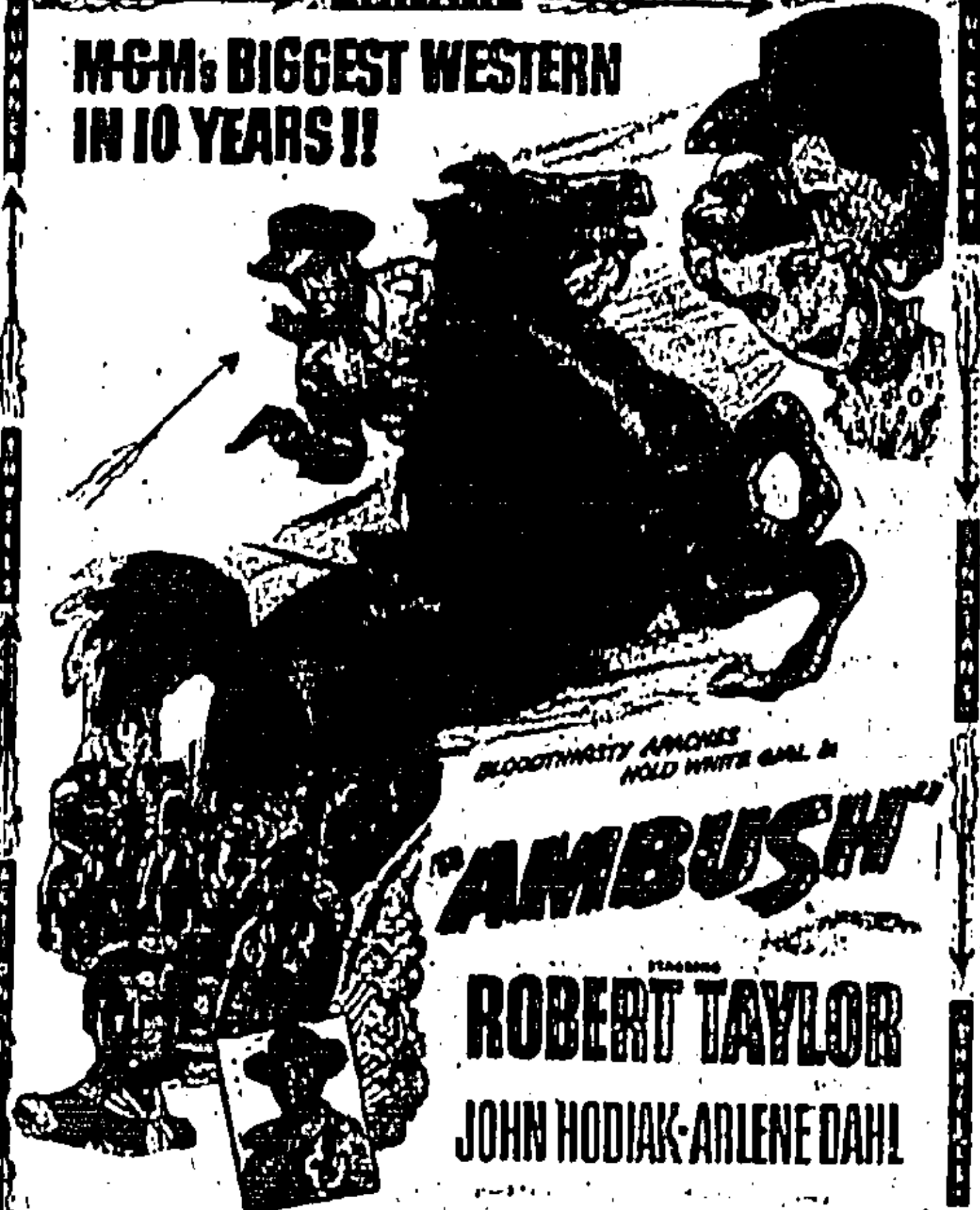
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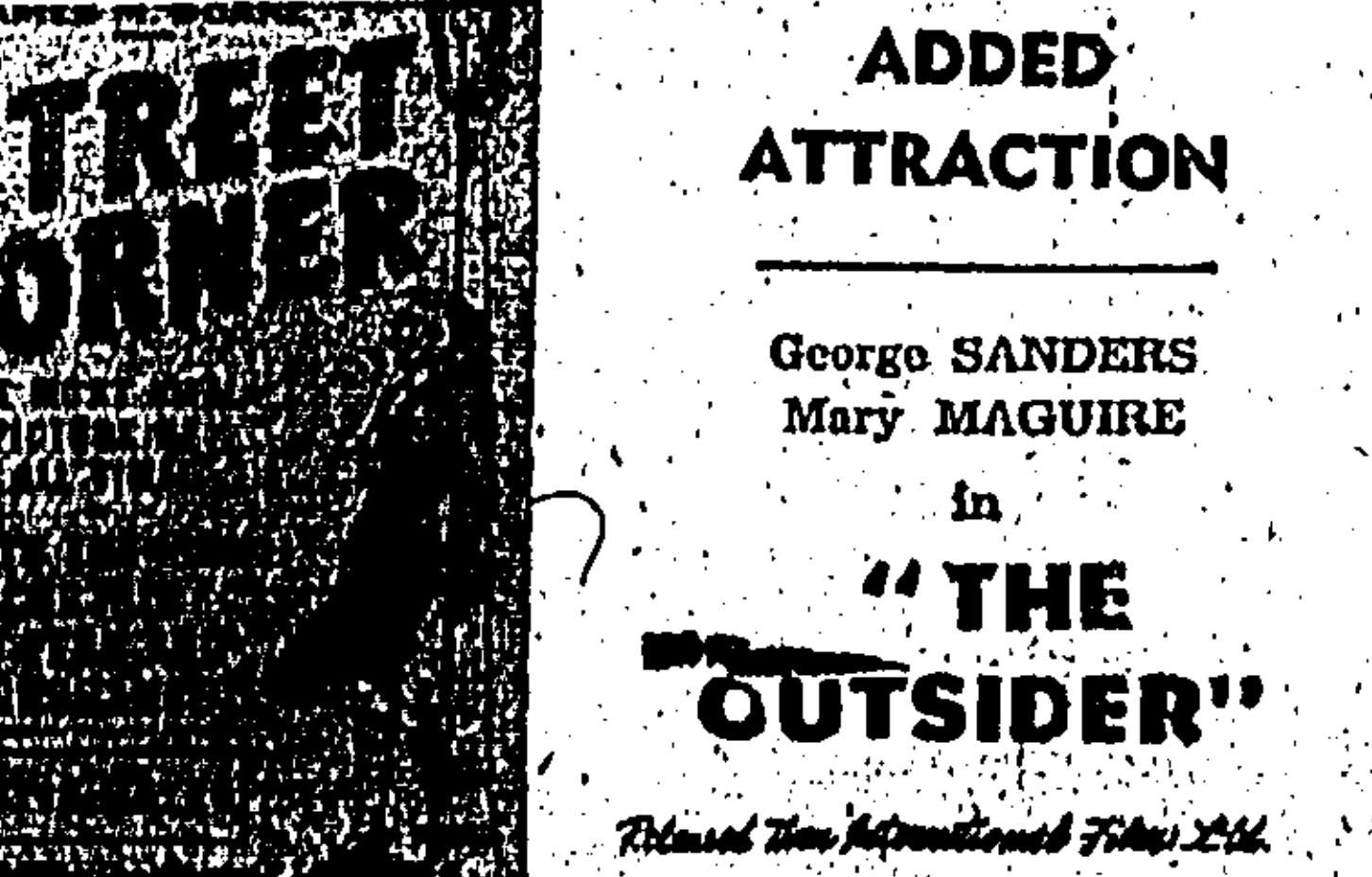
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PEACE BEGINS AT HOME

The Kremlin has argued that the Korean conflict is an internal affair—a civil war like the American Civil War. It implied quite clearly thereby that it had no intention of armed intervention. The Korean leaders are unlikely to bother very much about that while things go well with them. But they may be less appreciative of this line when the fortunes of war turn. Incidentally it is also a fairly good guarantee against Chinese intervention.

It is the Taiwan question that Moscow wants to use in order to embroil the People's Government and the United States. It is out to create the maximum trouble for the United States, and at the same time the minimum trouble for itself. Moscow would like to turn the island into another Korea, but the Chinese would be much less intelligent than they are if they fell into such an obvious trap. The world crisis has barely begun. One distinguished personage, Bertrand Russell, has predicted that if war does occur it will be a long one and last ten years. The starters may not figure among the finishing few, but even so it is a prospect to make even the blindest fanatic quail, and Chinese Communists most of all.

A cynical comment we came across the other day said that ten years hence 1950 would be looked upon as "the good old days." The picture of China in 1950 is one of bright hopes and deep shadows. There is energy and enthusiasm such as has not been known since the heyday of the Nationalists. But economic conditions are worse than they have ever been in modern times, and that applies to the country-side—stricken by one tremendous calamity after another—no less than to the immense metropolis of Shanghai. The question of Taiwan may have been handled well or ill, but its neutralisation in a world teetering on the edge of a gigantic struggle is a mercy rather than a justification for war.

It has been the tragedy of the Republic ever since it was proclaimed that it found no other way to settle its military and political quarrels and rivalries than by recourse to civil war and armed force. Every Government has imposed itself on the country in this way—not one of them was ever elected.

China has presented the world with a typical example of irony lately. She has been making a great clamour about the campaign of peace signatures while at the same time insisting that the civil war must go on, for that is what the "liberation" of Taiwan means. Peking has also identified itself with what the Kremlin calls "a peaceful settlement" in Korea. The British delegate to the United Nations, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, referred in the Security Council to the "queer upside-down language" of Russian propaganda, which Peking repeats like a parrot. If one side attacks its neighbour, he said, it is not an act of war, but peace. The very words "peaceful settlement" when used by the Russians cause anxiety. There were also peaceful settlements in Czechoslovakia in 1938 and

The Far East crisis may cause developments in British politics more serious than is perhaps at present recognised. The left-wing in British politics is cracking. It is too early yet to talk of a split. The crack may mend. But also it may widen.

In the last month, the two principal papers of the intellectuals of the Labour Party have declared themselves on diametrically opposite sides over the crisis. The "Tribune," always regarded as a paper of the extreme left, of rank and file Labour, and his group supports wholeheartedly—and to the surprise of many people—the decision of the British Government to back America over Korea. The "New Statesman" on the other hand, while paying lip-service to the need for collective security, clearly thinks that the crisis is the result of the clash of Russian and American imperialism.

These two papers have of course only a limited circulation among the rank and file of Labour. Yet they do reflect, pretty accurately the ideas battling for supremacy in the party. That they have split over the crisis is an ominous symptom for Labour. It suggests that a more dramatic and far-reaching division is no less a possibility.

Mr. Michael Foot, the stocky polemic writer of the "Tribune," says this week "The plain truth is that the menace to the peace of the world derives from Soviet policy. Mistake, blunders, follies, even crimes, have doubtless been committed by other powers since 1945. But more of them have been committed on a scale which would place the governments concerned in the same category as the Soviet regime."

Simple distinction

"In particular those who would charge the United States with a responsibility for the cold war compared with what the men in the Kremlin merely show themselves (incapable of the simplest distinctions."

On Taiwan, Mr. Foot writes "Whatever the wisdom of the move, it was not an international crime for the American Government to declare that in view of the threat to the security of the Pacific the Seventh Fleet was to be ordered to prevent an attack on Taiwan while at the same time Chiang Kai-shek's forces were called upon to cease all air and sea operations against the Chinese mainland. It is at least arguable that without these measures successful action in Korea would be severely impeded."

Contrast with this the last number of the "New Statesman." Its main comment is headed "Our Obligations are Limited." The

in 1948. No shots were fired, but Czechoslovakia died in the name of peace.

In Korea, it means the complete elimination of the only elected Government in the peninsula, the rewarding of aggression, and the triumph of the Kremlin. It would almost certainly mean more than that—the extension of this Communist technique of armed aggression to many other places. The Security Council has laid down the basis of a real peaceful settlement—the withdrawal of the aggressors to the 38th Parallel. Who can challenge the simple justice of that order, or the clarity of its principle? And it is a stand supported by no fewer than 52 nations.

The Chinese are a highly intelligent people—they are not fools. There is a small minority of fanatics who will swallow anything they are told. But somehow or other, though bayonets have always supplanted the ballot in China, the influence of public opinion does exert itself. It is much to be doubted whether it backs the insistence on the so-called liberation of Taiwan. It is almost certain that the people would much prefer an abandonment of civil war and the closing of ranks to meet the immense dangers under which China no less than the rest of the world lies today.

That is true not only as a result of the way in which popular feeling has been moving lately, which no amount of propaganda has been able to stop, but because even the humblest out-of-work in Shanghai's factories and waterfront realises the terrible consequences of an action that would not stop at civil war but would almost certainly bring China and the United States into open conflict. Not all the Chinese who signed the peace appeal did so heedlessly, and quite a lot of them must have thought of peace between Chinese and Chinese as much as of peace between China and the rest of the world.

THE WANING OF THE LEFT

By "Windrush,"
 Special correspondent

"New Statesman" tries to concentrate interest, not on the rightness of the Security Council action over Korea, but on what it regards as the wrongness of American action over Taiwan. It reports that the mood of the Socialist rank and file is isolationist. It thinks that the way to solve the Korean problem is to get Communist China admitted to the Security Council. It prints a letter from the veteran left-wing journalist H. N. Brailsford which says:

Crude realities

"The procedure of the UN has been used by a packed Council to disguise the crude realities of power politics. The Council acted indecently when it declared North Korea the aggressor on the uncorroborated complaint of South Korea. The real issue behind the legal procedure is a struggle between the American and Russian empires for the strategic control of the Far East."

The "New Statesman" does not, it is true, commit itself to supporting Mr. Brailsford's view in its entirety. But the "New Statesman" reflects the attitude of Socialists who are so much carried away by their suspicion of America, as a capitalist country, that they cannot believe that it is very much in the right in the present conflict. During this last month the Council has been told, in the defence debates in Parliament, the alarming facts about the military strength of Russia and the military strength of the West. No really new information was given. The pendulum in English politics is swinging further to the right. This is in contrast to the months which preceded Hitler's war. Then it was the right wing which, by its conduct of affairs, made itself distrusted. It was

the right wing which was suspected of endangering the nation by its policies.

Reversed situation

Today the situation is reversed. The suspicion grows that the country has been beguiled by left wing orators into preferring radical social legislation to providing for the nation's defence. The Labour Party is no longer productive of ideas and policies. It has lost its fire and its convictions. Can it, in its present jaded condition, lead the country in this great new crisis?

In the defence debate some of its ablest speakers, such as Mr. Crossland, fell back on cheap vilification of Mr. Churchill. They said that he wanted crisis because in a crisis he could again play the dramatic and dominating part in Parliament which he did in the war. These speeches did the Labour Party no good.

Labour is preparing for its 40th annual party conference in October, and the resolutions tabled by local branches of the Party have been published. This document has helped to undermine still further the Party's credit. For example, a commentator in the "Spectator" writes:

"I don't know when I have read a more depressing document. I find it impossible to believe that the majority of British Socialists are pompous, acquisitive, irresponsible, intolerant and woolly as these 40 pages make them sound. A lot of the resolutions are pure verbiage. The general effect is of a large number of small-minded people with little grasp of realities, scant sense of responsibility, uncompromising intolerance towards anyone whose outlook differs from theirs, and envy of everything that they think anybody else has got and they haven't."

Of course not all the Labour Party is like this. But it has outlined its idealism. The seamy side begins to show through. Socialism based on pure materialism is not an attractive thing. And it is not a safe thing in a time of emergency.



Seems you can't always bank on local plants. Yesterday we had to announce a rubber check.

I understand the Russians are getting tired of having to pick up top secret documents from diplomats' unlocked, unattended cars. They are now offering to get up pillar boxes in the main capitals with a notice: "Drop your secret papers here. Rapid despatch to Moscow guaranteed."

"The U.N. commission on Korea is calling for the strangest possible protest..."
 Surely normal diplomatic language is strange enough?

Looks as if the U.S. is sending a lot of high Rankin officials to Formosa.

British variety artists have been asked to refrain from making jokes about England's weather.

Ours is no joke either.
 Each cigarette smoked shortens your life by three minutes.
 Good heavens, I've been dead for several years! Now, don't say it!

Archbishop gives three alms for boys.
 Windows were not included.

"Has the value perhaps been over-estimated to a war effort must still, in spite of the development of India's steel industry, be its asset?"
 Well, there's always been that danger.

Government House domestic staff to get retiring benefits.
 It's no use being shy when you know you're retiring.

Usual Channels.
 Mr. Myrtle, it doesn't look as if Miss Francis must miss France. She can't get far enough away from it!

Signed the Australian pound: "I wish you'd try to appreciate me."

Wife: "I see there's a new moon."
 Husband: "So there is. If you're any of my money left, would you mind turning it over?"

King George V. "What's this I hear about this Order?" said the King. "I've not many privileges, but I am Commander-in-Chief of the British Army. You keep the Order."

Captain's innings

The emergence of some one who shoots beside the Sandy Lodge Golf Clubhouse has given much satisfaction on both sides of the Atlantic.

To commemorate the visit of the British Walker Cup team to the Rochester Golf Club, N.Y., last summer, the Americans not only dedicated an oak tree, but sent through the British Embassy in Washington, a number of its acorns to be planted at the home clubs of the British players. The captain, Mr. P. B. Lucas, M.P., planted his at Sandy Lodge, and it is fitting that they should be setting the pace.

Curious coincidence of which four specimens have so far been sighted, is already playing a captain's innings.

Men, women and memories

Mr. John Dulanty, Ireland's first Ambassador in London, will be much missed when his retirement takes effect very shortly. He is a popular figure and in his 24 years has carved out a niche which any successor would not find it easy to fill.

John Dulanty is more than a bit of a character. He spent years in the British Civil Service and then went into business before joining the Irish Civil Service. In both services he was something of a disturbing influence. He was "the man who wanted most things done yesterday," and that did not suit the tempo either of Whitehall or Dublin.

As Ireland's representative in London he has established a great reputation as a witty after-dinner speaker and in that capacity has been increasingly in demand.

Though formally he hands over fairly soon, he intends to stay in London for a time to act in an advisory capacity until his successor has really settled in.

A question of pay

Mr. Dulanty delights in good stories against himself. I remember him telling me years ago of his first post as Trade Commissioner in London. That was when he was in business. Kevin O'Higgins persuaded him to take the post in the twenties when that Irish leader was in London helping British Ministers to lay the foundations of the Statute of Westminster. When it came to the question of salary, "I doubt," said Dulanty, "whether the Irish or the British Government can pay me as much as I am earning now." "Don't you mean getting?" interpolated O'Higgins.

Toujours la politesse

A more recent incident concerns a diplomatic colleague who, sitting next to him at a public function, "Your Excellency-ed" him until the then High Commissioner began to loathe the sound of the words. Forgivingly, Mr. Dulanty offered his two-punctuated colleague a lift home in his car. And alighting, his passenger extended his hand and said: "Well, good-night, Comish, old fruit."

His successor

His successor, Mr. F. H. Boland, at present permanent head of the Department of External Affairs in Dublin, has no illusions about the difficulty of following Mr. Dulanty. In a letter to a friend he said recently: "It reminds me of Jefferson's remark when he followed Franklin in Paris: 'I am merely his successor, nobody could replace him.'"

But Mr. Boland has qualities of his own which should stand him in good stead. He is the outstanding Irish Civil Servant, a man of great ability. He is good-looking, genial and friendly, and a very good mixer. He is a pianist of such talent—his repertoire ranging from the classical to jazz—as to provide him in time of need with an alternative profession. His artistic tastes are shared by his wife, a good-looking blonde

who seems incredibly young to be the mother of several children. She is one of Dublin's leading painters, and, though primarily a portrait painter, has a wide range of talent. She was, for instance, commissioned to paint the murals for the Butlin holiday camp in Dublin.

Afrika Korps visitor

Manfred Rommel, son of the late Marshal, together with General Fritz Bayerlein, who was

By Atticus

his father's chief of staff, are in London to discuss the publication of the Rommel papers. Young Rommel, though he saw war service, is still, for instance, a law student at the University of Bonn.

Described by Brigadier Desmond Young in his book on Rommel as a stoic, tough little fellow of a man, full of energy and enthusiasm, he has been working with the U.S. Historical Section in Germany. He was not only Rommel's chief of staff but himself commanded the Afrika Korps for a short time during its retreat after El Alamein.

It has been said of him that he saved for himself a more continuous active service in the Western Desert, but this is the kind of statement that usually calls for counter-claims.

Clever mimic

M. Herve Alphand, who left a key position at the Quai d'Orsay to take up, last month, his new post as the French representative on the North Atlantic Deputies Council in London, has accomplishments both formal and informal.

At the conference table he is a singularly able and effective diplomat, qualities no doubt inherited from his father, who was French Ambassador in Moscow. At the dinner table he enjoys using his remarkable talent as a mimic. He can, for instance, produce an amazingly realistic imitation of both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Bevin.

In his country home near Chartres he is sometimes partnered in these impromptu entertainments by his wife, who is a talented singer.

Shrouded gaming room

Just as Brooks's is—in George Otto Trevelyan's words—"the most famous political club that will ever have existed in England," so its Great Subscription Room is, I suppose, the most famous gaming saloon in London. Today it is wrapped in those shrouds which decorators use to stem the tide of their art. I hope and believe the Committee of Brooks's will see that it emerges even closer to its original appearance than it has been of late.

An old print which hangs on the wall shows that, despite a somewhat Victorian overtones, it has been little altered in the past century and a half. Two of the eighteenth-century gaming tables still stand in it, an



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CHURCHILL SUGGESTED AS EUROPE WAR CHIEF

Reynaud proposal at Strasbourg meeting German delegate speaks

Strasbourg, August 9. The European Assembly, meeting here this afternoon, heard with enthusiasm an implied suggestion that Mr. Winston Churchill should be called in as European Minister of War.

The proposal came in a speech by the former French Prime Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, who, referring to the Russian threat to Western Europe, declared, "We must have a Minister of War for Europe and give him the powers of a Minister of War."

"If you want one you will not have to look beyond this hall to find him," M. Reynaud added, looking in the direction of Mr. Churchill who smiled and then continued listening impassively to the speech on a head-set while many representatives applauded warmly.

M. Reynaud said that the Democrats had in the past adopted the practice of waiting until the war started before doing anything about it.

STRUGGLE WITHIN COUNCIL

Strasbourg, August 9. A bitter struggle within the Council of Europe today threatened to wreck efforts to unite Western Europe.

The upper and lower houses of the year-old Council split in an angry dispute over how much authority should be given the lower house, the 125-member Consultative Assembly.

An unimpeachable source told the Associated Press that Britain alone blocked all Assembly demands for greater authority and responsibility. He said that in today's closed meeting of the 13 Ministers, Britain's Ernest Davies opposed every attempt at a compromise.

In effect, the source added, the British Foreign Office representative vetoed the wishes of all of the remaining 12 Ministers. Associated Press.

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'Churchill' to propose West European army

Strasbourg, August 9. Mr. Winston Churchill will propose to the European Assembly here tomorrow the creation of a West European army to protect the continent against Communist aggression, it was learned on Wednesday.

Mr. Churchill will make his proposal in a formal resolution to the Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly, which is in session here. The resolution will be tabled in the name of the Conservative Party wing of the British delegation.

There is every indication that the Churchill plan will receive substantial support. — United Press.

C'wealth countries to meet

London, August 9. Seven Commonwealth countries will meet here next month to map out a six-year economic development to stave off Communism.

Their conference will be a continuation of talks which have been taking place in Sydney, Australia, and in Colombo, Ceylon, aimed at laying down a general aid-Asia programme.

For this purpose a £8,000,000 fund has already been set up to help some of the more backward countries fulfil their targets. An additional £15,000,000 may be raised to help finance long-term social and economic development projects.

Taking part will be Britain, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Malaya.

Governments of these countries have begun to submit, by agreement, plans for their economic development in the next six years.

The talks will begin after the four-day session of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which ends on September 20 in Paris. Finance Ministers of most IMF countries will be in Paris at that time. Those interested in the Commonwealth-sponsored aid-Asia talks will then come to London, among them possibly Indo-China. All of these countries have been kept informed about the progress of the aid-Asia discussions. — Associated Press.

Danish Govt resigns

Copenhagen, August 9. The Social Democratic minority government of Premier Hans Hedtoft, which had been in power since October 1947, resigned today.

Premier Hedtoft announced after an all-night parliamentary session that he would ask King Frederik to dissolve the lower house and to issue a writ for new elections.

The government fell when the combined Liberal-Conservative opposition attacked a government proposal to secure the 1950 trade balance by cutting imports.

The Trade Minister Mr. Jens Otto Krag, proposed the important stipulation that the issue be considered one of confidence. Earlier, the Conservatives and Liberals had clashed with the government on the need for a \$43,000,000 rearmament appropriation.

The new elections will be held in September.

In the meantime, King Frederik has asked the Hedtoft government to remain in office. — United Press.

SIR OWEN BACK IN NEW DELHI

New York, August 9. The UN Kashmir mediator, Sir Owen Dixon, who flew here today from Karachi after an eight-day conference with the Pakistan government, immediately began talks with representatives of India's Foreign Ministry.

Sir Owen today conferred with Sir Bajpai, Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry, and is to meet Premier Jawaharlal Nehru tomorrow.

Asked by the Security Council to attempt to get India and Pakistan to agree to withdraw troops in Kashmir by August 14, Sir Owen began separate talks with the two governments following apparent failure of his tripartite discussions with Mr. Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan which ended a five-day session here on July 24.

The talks are cloaked in the strictest secrecy. — Associated Press.

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AMERICA CALLS UN STRATEGY CONFERENCE

Lake Success, August 9. The United States today invited all members of the Security Council except the Soviet Union to a strategy conference late this afternoon to decide means of getting around Russian obstruction in the United Nations.

The Americans brought the East-West Asiatic issue into the open for the first time on Tuesday when they cited Russia by name as the power behind the Communist invasion of South Korea.

The United States then forced adjournment of the Council until Thursday and recommended that other delegations consult together to determine what steps can be taken to assert the authority of the Security Council in the event that the Soviet government continues its campaign to prevent its President from acting.

The United States telephoned invitations to all delegations except Russia, but including India and Yugoslavia, to attend a secret strategy conference. Among the proposals to be discussed were:

1. Transfer of the Korean problem to the special session of the General Assembly, which could be called on 24 hours' notice.
2. Ousting of the Russians from the presidency.
3. Abandonment of further Council meetings during August, Russia's term in the chair.

Yugoslavia absent

Dr. Ales Bebler of Communist Yugoslavia, which is steering a difficult middle course in the Korean crisis, was the only one out of 10 delegates who failed to show up. The meeting got underway shortly after 2030 GMT at the Empire State Building offices of the British delegate, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, who is due to succeed the Soviet delegate, Jacob Malik, as Council President in September under the United Nations alphabetical rotation system.

The conferees were expected to keep details of their eventual plan of action under wraps so as to leave the Russians guessing up to the last minute. However, indications were that the Western powers temporarily have decided against anything so drastic as trying to shove the Soviet diplomat out of the Presidency.

The implication was that the West would go all out diplomatically to stop what was considered Mr. Malik's abuse of his presidential powers to block the seating of the South Koreans in the Council unless the North Koreans are invited too.

But further consideration apparently led to the feeling that a drastic approach such as ousting Mr. Malik or tossing the Korean problem to a specially summoned General Assembly had better wait until Mr. Malik's "abuse" of his powers had hardened into a flagrant policy that none could miss seeing.

According to informed sources, the West was planning interim measures that might include:

1. Joint policy to press legal points of order to a vote in which Mr. Malik would be overruled.
2. A resolution censuring the President for exceeding his legal powers. — United Press.

NEW FRENCH NAVY CHIEF

Paris, August 9. The French on Wednesday appointed Admiral Roger Lambert, chief of staff of the French navy, to replace Vice Admiral Robert Battet, who died on July 14.

Admiral Lambert was commander of the French Mediterranean fleet. He entered the French navy in 1915, and during the last war served as commander of the Richelieu, France's largest battleship. — United Press.

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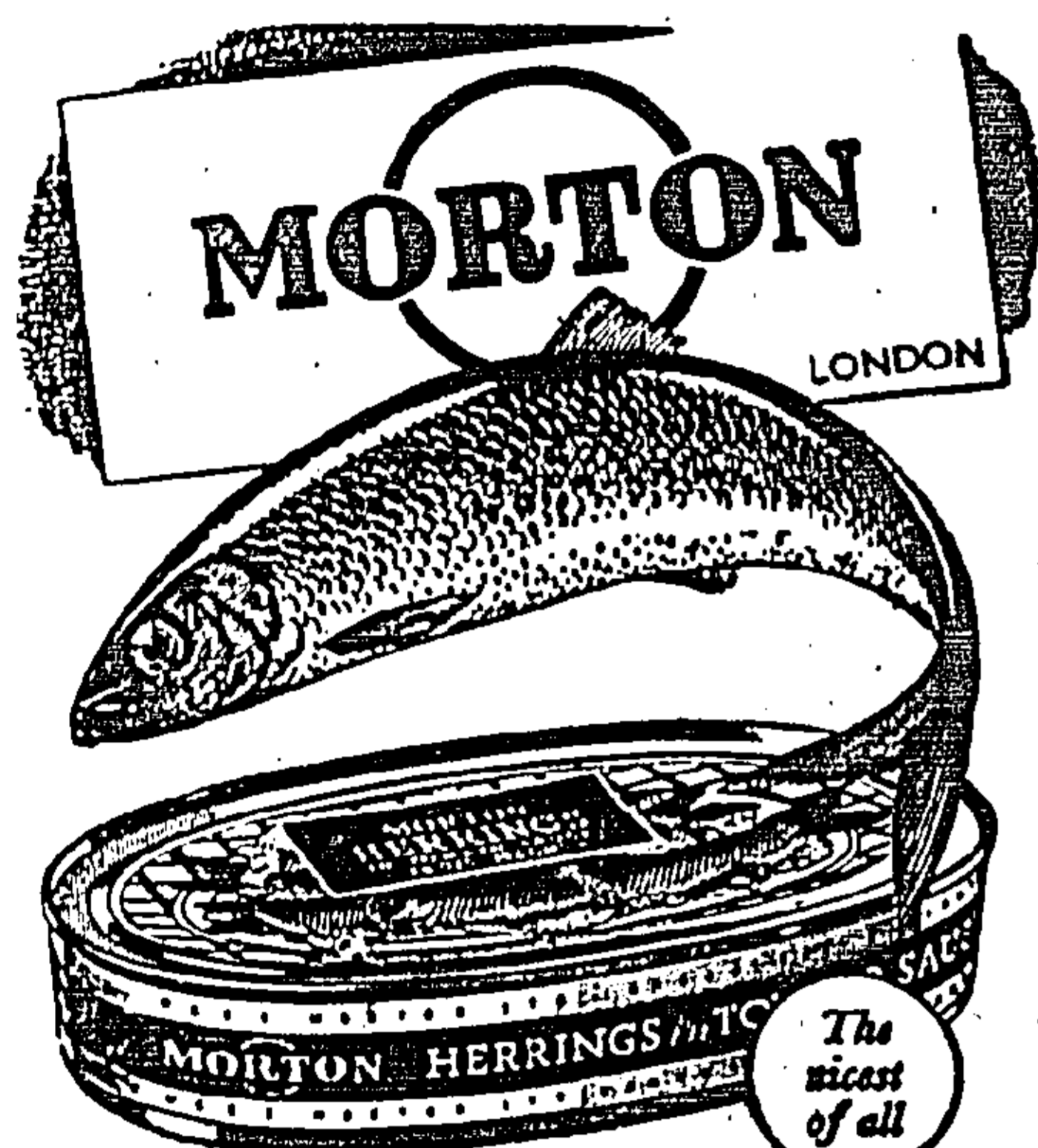
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Check on atrocities reports

Lake Success, August 9.
The United Nations Korean Commission has reported to the Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, that it is checking reports of unprovoked and inhuman practices against prisoners and wounded by the North Korean Communists.

The Commission told the Secretary-General that it had heard of no measures taken by the North Koreans to give effect to the promise of avoiding atrocities.

It also urged that the strongest possible voice be raised throughout the world in protest against the delay in giving Red Cross supervisory protection to war prisoners, non-combatant captives and wounded.

United Nations officials said in Korea today that they were notifying the United Nations Headquarters at Lake Success of at least two known instances of daylight attacks by North Koreans on plainly marked American ambulances.

A Commanding Officer said that the ambulances were attacked a few days ago. United Nations officials verified the attacks after on-the-spot investigations.

An officer said: "The ambulances carried huge Red Cross markings. They were unmistakable. In one case they were machine-gunned only. In the other the Communists threw hand-grenades as well, proving that they had been close enough to see the markings."—Reuter.

Taiwanese fishermen held in PI

Manila, August 9.
Investigation is being made of the activities of 13 Taiwanese fishermen who were seized by the Philippine Naval Patrol in the Sulu Sea and taken to Cebu for temporary detention, according to a report from that city.

The fishing launch used by the Taiwanese was also taken to Cebu and is being held until the case is cleared up.

The customs authorities requested the National Commission to issue instructions in handling the case of the Taiwanese who entered Philippine territorial waters on the fringes of

Brussels, August 9.
The House of Representatives today passed the law transferring Royal powers from King Leopold to Prince Baudouin. The vote was 165-27. Friends and foes of King Leopold traded angry shouts of "murderer" and "assassin" in the Belgian Parliament debate on the bill to transfer the King's powers to his son as the first step toward abdication.

A Catholic deputy, Henri Lambotte, touched off the Parliamentary uproar when he turned to the Socialist benches and said: "You agitators are responsible for the deaths of four people at Grace Berleur." This is a suburb of Liege where four persons were killed when state troopers, operating under the Ministry of the Interior, opened fire during an anti-Leopold demonstration.

When M. Lambotte delivered his charge, Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies rose en masse and began shouting "murderer" at the Interior Minister, Albert de Vleschauer. The din lasted until the Chamber President, Frans van Cauwelaert, shouted: "If this noise does not stop immediately, I will leave the Chamber and resign."

Comparison

M. Lambotte compared the threatened Socialist march on Brussels with Mussolini's march on Rome and the proposed Communist march on Berlin. He said the Socialists had used dictatorial methods to force Leopold off the throne, but he said he would vote for delegating Leopold's powers to Crown Prince Baudouin in the interests of national unity.

The Socialist president, Max Buset, touched off another tumult when he told the Social Christians: "You think you can try to impose the will of half the nation on the other half with a four-vote majority. We are warning you now you cannot do it."

The bill would transfer Leopold's Royal powers at once to his 19-year-old son, the Crown Prince Baudouin. Leopold is to abdicate formally on September 7, 1951, when Baudouin comes of age.—United Press.

COLOMBIAN PLANE CRASH

Medellin, Colombia, August 9.
Fourteen persons were killed when a Colombian Air Force fighter plane with three crewmen crashed into two homes.

Eleven bodies were recovered from the ruins of the houses and it is feared that there are additional victims.

The plane's entire crew perished.—Associated Press.

the Southern Islands without customs permission.

According to present findings the Taiwanese did not try to land in the Philippines.—United Press.

Vladivostok shipping movements

New York, August 9.
Russia was reported tonight by the American Merchant Marine Institute to be assembling dry docks, merchant vessels and supplies at Vladivostok, 500 miles from Korea.

A statement released by the Institute said that a large number of Soviet vessels of all types had been sailing from Baltic and Black Sea ports to Vladivostok, Russia's chief Far Eastern seaport.

The American Merchant Marine Institute is a trade organization of ship-owners whose vessels fly the American flag.

Russian tankers with full cargoes have sailed to Vladivostok recently from two Black Sea oil ports, the Institute reported.

Within the last two months three dry docks had been towed from Latvia and the Baltic and from Odessa on the Black Sea to Vladivostok.

Many merchantmen bound for the Far East were loaded with grain. Others carried general cargo. Even trawlers were reported in the movement to the Pacific.

Meanwhile, in the Soviet controlled shipyards of Eastern Germany repair work has been going at full tilt on Russian vessels.

Seven Soviet vessels were at Antwerp recently awaiting repairs, the report added.

"What bearing all this may have on the Korean situation remains to be seen," the Institute said.

"This heavy movement by water could mean that the Trans-Siberian railroad is fully occupied with the transport of military materials."—Reuter.

Sharman may play minor part in film

Madrid, August 7.
Miss Sharman Douglas is taking a screen test shortly for a possible minor role in an American film, "That Man from Tangier," which is being made in Spain.

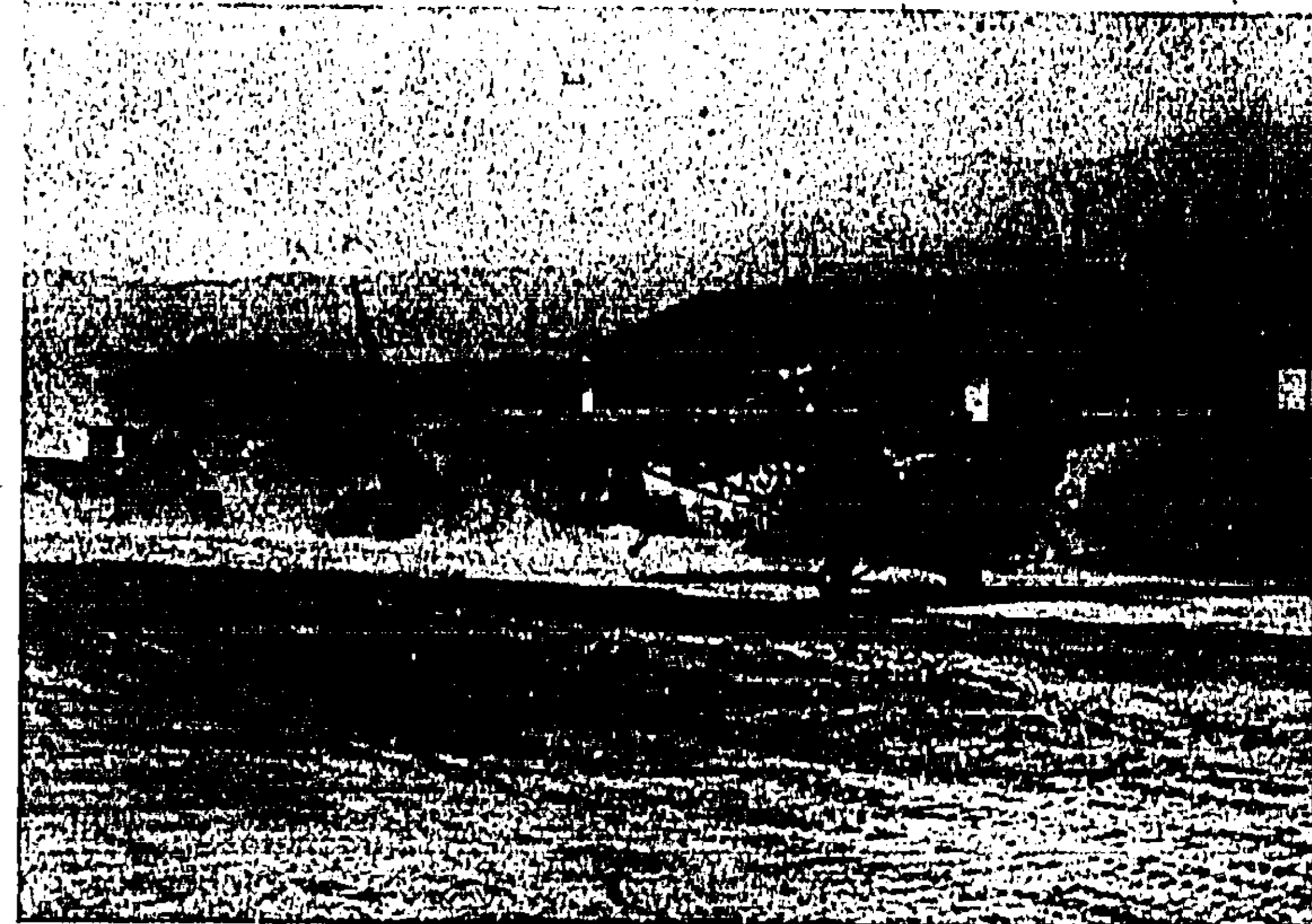
Larry Corcoran, producer of the film, today announced the forthcoming test for the daughter of the U.S. Ambassador to Britain but said she did not plan a screen career.

Sharman, who is visiting Elizabeth Firestone, daughter of the American rubber magnate, has been a constant visitor to Spanish film studios in the suburb of Chamartin.

Corcoran said Sharman thought she would like to see how films are made by playing a minor role.

Roland Young, Nancy Coleman and Nils Asther are starring in the film, which tells the adventures of an American family in Spain.—Associated Press.

Street becomes airstrip



A small plane used by the American forces to spot artillery fire takes off from a village street in South Korea. The village was within 10 miles of the front at the time this picture was made. Note bulldozer at left.—Associated Press Photo.

San Francisco turning from peace to war

San Francisco, August 9.
This port city, ringed with military installations, is turning from peace to war. The Korean situation has turned the clock back 10 years. San Francisco is today again the major staging area for war in the Far East.

Conditions now are comparable to the days of 1940 and 1941, when military activities were increasing every day and industrial plants were training for full-time war work by turning out weapons for Britain.

Once again efforts are underway to revive the San Francisco Bay Area's major war industry—ship-building.

But the World War II yards, which employed almost a half million persons and turned out more than a ship a day, will have to be rebuilt from scratch. For the famous Kaiser yards have been abandoned.

Only three of the numerous wartime shipyards were maintained during the five years of peace on a military standby basis. They are the Bethlehem Steel Company's plant in San Francisco and the Moore and Todd shipyards in the East Bay.

Already these installations are over-loaded with work required to meet the transport needs for the Korean war. Equipment as well as ships has to be taken out of moth-balls—and even this task can be accomplished more quickly than the recruiting of an adequate supply of skilled labor.

The military installations have been maintained at what may be considered cadre strength. The first units of the Department of Defense to feel the influence of the Korean activities were the Air Force and Navy Units.

The Pacific Coast's major air transport and heavy bombardment base is at Fairfield, about 50 miles from San Francisco, in one of the northward sweeps of the Bay.

The headquarters of the administrative and training activities of the Pacific Division of the Military Air Transport Service are there. The few planes which the Service had for operation were used to maintain the minimum skills of the air crews, many of which took part in the Berlin airlift.

Reduced fleets

The fleets of planes and the route miles flown were reduced drastically about a year ago following a protest from the established commercial airlines that the military service was competing unfairly in hauling passengers and cargo.

Today, the base is crowded with commercially-owned trans-oceanic air transports, leased from the Commercial Airlines.

The planes are mainly Douglas C-54 transports but several 100-passenger, double-decker Boeing Stratocruisers have been requisitioned by the Service. Four civilian crews are provided with each plane when it is leased from the civilian airlines.

The Navy is building up its personnel at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco, one of the nation's largest naval stations. The employment roster now is about 6,000. Three shifts a day have been authorized for work on certain ships. These include two hospital ships, in addition to nine others, including two escort carriers.

Operating civilian shipyards are modernizing merchant ships taken from the fleet of more than 300 laid up in San Francisco Bay after the war.

The San Francisco waterfront today looks like a military port in wartime. Transport sailings are made under the cloak of military secrecy. Arrivals are disclosed only 24 hours before the ship docks.

Security regulations were relaxed by the Navy when the Aircraft Carrier Boxer sailed with a deckload of F-51 Mustang fighters, the plane used to escort B-17 bombers from England bases to Berlin during World War II.

The Navy distributed pictures of the Boxer sailing through the Golden Gate. Officers explained that there was no secrecy about her departure because thousands had seen it from the hills surrounding the Bay.

Potential effect

The potential effect of the Korean action is already being studied in business circles here. While little or no progress is being made in the development of civil defense plans, private industry is surveying personnel to determine the number of replacements which will be needed if reservists are called up for active duty.

Several insurance companies have served notice that war clauses limiting liability will be included in all policies sold in the future.

Thus nullifies coverage of the insured sent overseas for military duties and makes the company liable only for a refund of premium in the event of death.

While shortages as well as increased prices have developed in some commercial lines, there has

Indonesia protests to Holland

Jakarta, August 9.
Indonesia has protested to Holland over the despatch of the Soerabaya-based Dutch destroyer Kortenaer, to Macassar, the main port of the Celebes, according to official circles quoted tonight by the Indonesian news agency.

Former Netherlands Indonesian Army (KNIL) men and guerilla forces were recently engaged in a series of clashes in the area.

The Indonesian protest, handed to the Dutch Government by the Indonesian High Commissioner in The Netherlands, demanded the immediate withdrawal of the destroyer, the Indonesian news agency stated.

The Indonesian Defence Ministry announced yesterday that hostilities in Macassar ceased at 4 p.m. local time after successful negotiations between Colonel Kawelaran, the East Indonesian Commander, and the Dutch commander, Major-General Scheffelaar.

But an authoritative Dutch source stated today that no confirmation had been received from Major-General Scheffelaar of an end of the fighting. The Indonesian news agency tonight quoted most reliable reports in that the Macassar cease-fire had not come into force officially. The same reports indicated that shelling of KNIL camps by Indonesian naval landing ships and strafing by Indonesian light bombers had continued throughout Tuesday.

The fighting was expected to end soon though a tense and unstable situation would probably remain for some time to come, the agency added.—Reuter.

been no evidence of a concentrated effort to hoard food stuffs.

Women have purchased all available nylons. Motorcar tyres are in short supply with some warehouses exhausting their stock as soon as it is received. Dealers have rationed buyers.

The most marked commercial development has occurred along "automobile row." Dealers in new cars are re-establishing their practice of the short-supply post-war months by requiring the purchaser to qualify for a new car by buying numerous and expensive accessories such as heaters and radios.—Reuter.

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MACARTHUR CAN BLOCK CHINA'S ATTEMPT TO LAND ON TAIWAN

Washington, August 9.

Mr. W. Averell Harriman, President Truman's special assistant on foreign affairs, said today that as a result of his trip to the Far East he is confident that General MacArthur could block any Chinese Communist invasion of Taiwan. He said, "If it were attempted we would stop it."

Mr. Harriman, who had two conversations with General MacArthur in Tokyo, told reporters at a Press conference that he was very optimistic about the ability of the United Nations forces to turn back the invasion from North Korea as well as to block any Chinese Communist invasion of Taiwan.

Mr. Harriman, however, declined to elaborate his belief, declaring, "I have reported to the President and it is up to him to release my impressions."

Mr. Harriman said the United States did not intend to get involved in the Chinese civil war again. He said, "There has been absolutely no change in policy concerning Taiwan" which was laid down in the President's declaration on June 27.

At that time, President Truman made it clear that the United States sought to neutralise Taiwan until the Korean conflict was settled, but did not intend to become involved in political aspects of the Chinese civil war.

Declines comment

Mr. Harriman declined to comment on the statement of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek after General MacArthur visited him that they had agreed on the eventual overthrow of Communism in Asia.

He said any observations he had made on this subject had been given to the President. He likewise declined to say whether he and General MacArthur had discussed the possibility of mobilising Japanese troops for use in Korea.

The President's envoy said he had no idea how long it would take the United Nations forces to clean up the Communists in Korea. He said he was aware of the North Korean propaganda directed at the rest of the world but believed that this was typical of the Communist propaganda machine and has had no effect on the thinking of the South Koreans.

Mr. Harriman said he and General MacArthur talked about an endless number of subjects but declined to go into details on any of them. He likewise was not willing to delineate geographically exactly what the Far East consists of so far as his conversations with General MacArthur were concerned.

Mr. Harriman, who returned this morning from his six-day visit to the Far East, spoke to a Press conference of about 100 correspondents who failed in their efforts to determine from him whether General MacArthur had made any political commitment to Chiang regarding Taiwan.

He said he knew of no divergence of opinion on the subject between General MacArthur and Washington, but that he could not comment on the American reaction to Chiang's statement that the Americans would aid him in overthrowing Communism in Asia.—United Press.

MILITARY CHIEFS MEET IN PARIS

Paris, August 8. The Committee of the Chiefs of Staff of the Southern European-Western Mediterranean regional group of the North Atlantic Treaty met here today, according to a French Defence Ministry announcement.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser presided over the meeting. General Tezzani of Italy, General Jull of France, and Admiral Connolly for the United States, attended. Plans regarding the defence of the regional area were approved, the announcement said.—Reuter.

New Press law for Libya due

Tripoli, August 9.

A new Press law giving the British occupation administration power to suppress newspapers may be invoked soon in this former Italian colony.

British officials have issued a draft of the proposed law which would prohibit publication without a licence and authorise fines and gaol terms for printing articles "likely to endanger the public peace."

The administration contends control of the press is necessary to prevent any possible disorders while machinery is being set up under United Nations sponsorship for independence of Libya by January 1, 1952.

Cedric Johnstone, editor of the independent, English-language "Ghazal," has attacked the proposed press law as a violation of traditional English guarantees of a free press. He sees it as the entering wedge for permanent press control, even after the Libyans attain their independence.

Power to suspend

Under the proposed law the chief secretary of the British administration may refuse a licence to any applicant. After the licence is granted the chief secretary would have the power to suspend any paper he feels is endangering public peace. The ordinance is patterned after a press law already in effect in the neighbouring territory of Cyrenaica, also under British military occupation.

Owners, publishers and editors of newspapers which defy a suspension order would be subject to fines of US\$145 and gaol terms up to six months.

Editors who refused a demand by the chief secretary to disclose news sources would be liable to fines ranging from \$50 to \$13. The proposed law provides that two copies of each issue must be submitted, before distribution, to the chief secretary.

Editors would be forced to publish free of charge any official communication or official denials or comments on previous news stories.—Associated Press.

MORE TAXES FOR FRENCH

Paris, August 9.

The French Information Minister, Mr. Albert Gasier, today hinted at purchase tax on luxury goods to help meet France's supplementary rearmament effort.

M. Gasier, speaking at the Anglo-American Press Club, reiterated that French economy plans could not meet the rearmament effort, which required a sum of 2,000,000 million francs over the next three years.

The balance between the amount budgeted for military expenditure and the supplementary rearmament effort have to be met by additional American aid and increased French production.—Reuter.

Strikers in Brussels



A truck loaded with Walloons (anti-Léopold strikers from the French-speaking provinces of Belgium) is seen passing through the crowd near the Socialist Headquarters in Brussels. The March on Brussels had been previously planned to demonstrate against the return of King Léopold.—Associated Press Photo.

Secret aid by Communist China to Burma Reds

Rangoon, August 9.

Communist China is now giving secret aid to the White Flag Communist Party of Burma for continuation of its disruptive, anti-social programme to undermine Burma, the Associated Press has learned authoritatively.

This is being done despite Burma's recognition of the Chinese Reds and the exchange of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The White Flag Communists, known as the Stalinist group, are led by Thanin Than Tun, a high-ranking executive in the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League until he was thrown out of office.

A high diplomatic source told the Associated Press that the Government he represents has definite proof of a recently forged link between Burmese and Chinese Reds.

He said the link is to bring the Burmese aid in the form of finance, mainly gold, and a programme Peking would like the Communists of this country to follow.

The source said it is relatively easy for Communists here to receive their instructions from across the frontier. They are known to possess a powerful radio North of their former stronghold of Prome, the Irrawaddy River city, 160 miles from Rangoon.

He said they were strongly entrenched in the dense forests skirting the Pegu Yomas (foot-hills) and were growing in strength.

There was also a steady interchange of agents between the two countries because chaotic hinterland conditions prevented ready detection.

Reports lately appeared in the Burmese press that Red China's agents had suddenly appeared in Communist-dominated mid-Western areas.

But, said the reports, these men were really local Chinese forced to don Communist disguise by Burmese Reds wishing to dupe village folk.

The Burmese Government did not comment on the reports.

Invasion unlikely

The source said he did not think Communist China was likely to invade Burma. He said there would be no need for invasion because Burma could be written off through a bloody coup.

There were enough pro-Communist elements here to take control any time Peking commanded it, the source stated.

Meanwhile, the presence of Chinese Nationalist troops on Burmese territory is making the Rangoon Government jittery.

The Government, fearful that Communist China may use this as an excuse to attack Burma, has asked American and Indian Government representatives here to help in ridding Burma of the Nationalists. It was stated authoritatively.

A source close to the Burmese Government told the Associated Press the Americans were asked to contact Nationalist authorities at Taiwan with an appeal for withdrawal of the KMT soldiers.

He said India was required to ask its ambassador to Peking, Dr. Pannekar, to impress upon Mao Tse-tung that the Nationalists were neither wanted nor were welcomed here.

Mao Tse-tung is reported to have told Pannekar he quite understands the Burmese predicament and will not attack this country on account of the Nationalists.

According to this source, 5,000 Nationalist soldiers crossed the

border into Burma and most of them are still here.

He said the situation is further complicated because these Nationalists now are disclaiming allegiance to the Taiwan Government.—Associated Press.

U.S. official sounds warning

Philadelphia, August 9.

The U.S. Assistant Defence Secretary, Mr. Paul H. Griffith, said here tonight that further Korea-type invasions may be expected in other parts of the world and that President Truman's military expansion programme was intended for preparedness against them.

He said that the new programme would provide for a total of 2,100,000 men in the country's armed forces.

Speaking to an American Legion meeting, Mr. Griffith said that the Korean crisis had resolved the dilemma of weighing purely military considerations against economic considerations in America's military preparedness programme.

The present "expansion of our military establishment is intended not only to ensure the favourable outcome of the Korean operation but as preparation for a possible further attack which the invasion of the Korean Republic indicates may be expected."

Mr. Griffith described as a major concept of American military policy "that we must maintain an armed force in a high state of readiness prepared to mete out dreadful retaliation on an enemy which might attack us."

He added that "nothing about the Korean incident had made it necessary for us to demonstrate our state of readiness to deliver a paralyzing retaliatory blow at any who attack this country."—Reuter.

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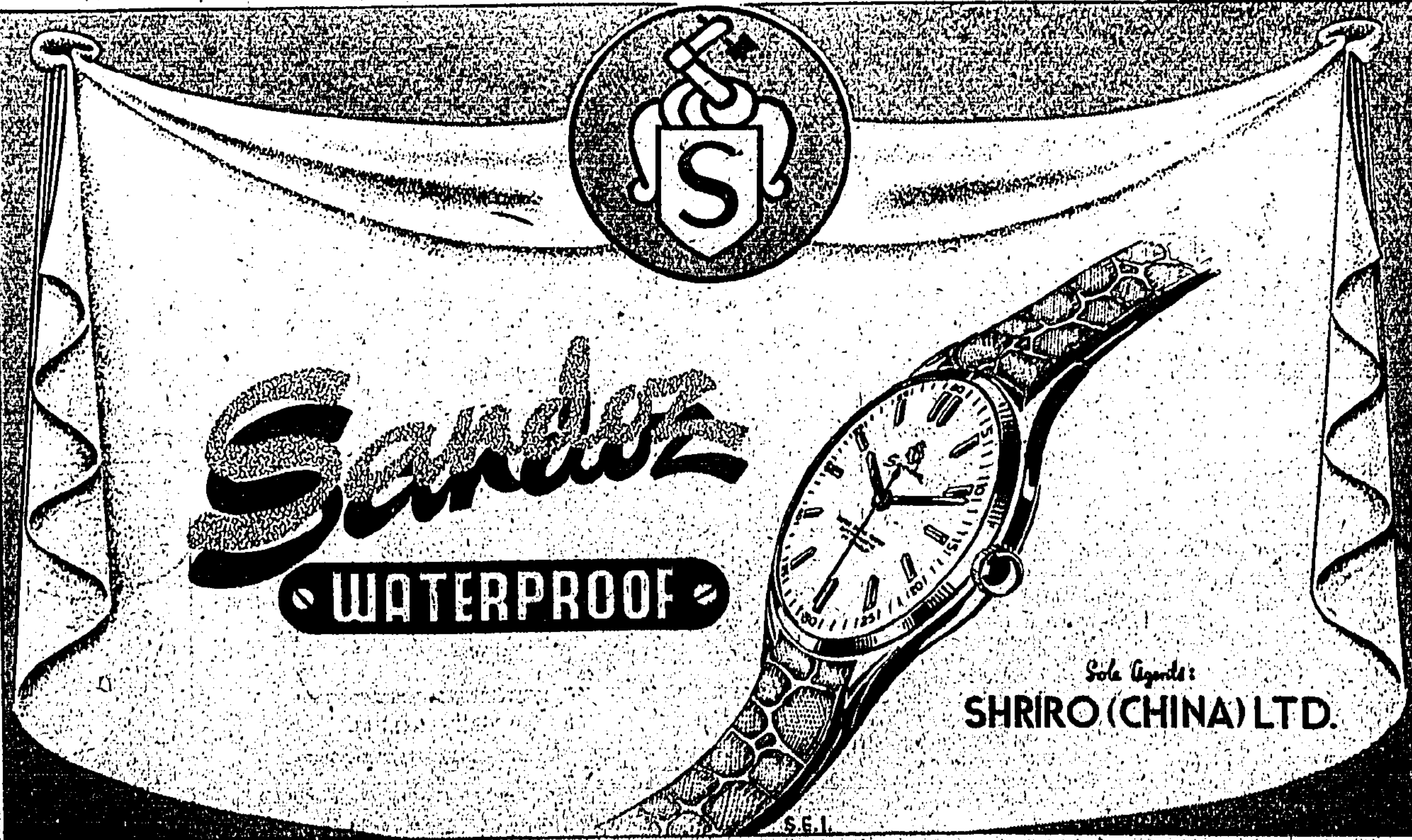


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DRASTIC STEPS AGAINST ALIENS IN AMERICA

Washington, August 9.

The Senate today unanimously approved legisla-
tion, which would authorize a drastic crack-
down on subversive aliens in the United
States. The measure was approved without a
debate. It will go to the House for further
consideration.

The legislation—one of the strictest immigration
bills ever proposed—would: 1. Permit the
United States to eject second string diplomats
found to be propagandising subversive doc-
trines or engaged in espionage activities.

2. Permit the United States to
suspend immigration quotas of
countries who refuse to take
back their nationals when order-
ed to be deported from the
United States.

3. Tighten up regulations which
refuse admission into the United
States to aliens who are or have
been Communists or followers of
other totalitarian philosophies.

The Senate passed the alien
control measure only a few hours
after it approved legislation
which will permit wartime death
penalty for espionage to be im-
posed during the next two years.
The Senators also unanimously
passed a bill to permit govern-
ment department chiefs to fire
summarily employees they sus-
pect of disloyalty. At present
peace-time espionage can be
punished by a maximum sentence
of 20 years.

Truman spurned

The House Un-American
Activities Committee spurned
President Truman's advice and
voted unanimously to approve
the strict new Communist con-
trol legislation patterned after
the Republican drafted Mind-
Ferguson-Nixon bill.
The Senate approved that the
immigration bill would apply to
some lower echelon employees of
the United Nations. The action
indicated that the Congress
ready to go much further in
cracking down on spies and sa-
boteurs than President Truman—
who asked the Congress yester-
day for additional legal safe-
guards against such activities but
warned against going too far.

The bill does not apply to top
diplomats such as Ambassadors,
public ministers and career di-
plomatic field consular officials.
Their privileges are set forth in
the Constitution.

It applies specifically to lesser
United Nations employees. They
could be excluded if the Attorney
General decides that their ac-
tivities are dangerous.

Top United Nations officials
are in the same category with
high-ranking diplomats and
could be excluded only if their
presence created an immediate
danger.

Port protection

Meanwhile, President Tru-
man signed into law today a
bill giving him authority to
take immediate steps to safe-
guard United States ports
against a possible sneak atomic
attack.

**TORY PROPOSAL
CRITICISED**

Paris, August 9.

A French Foreign Office
spokesman said today that a
British Conservative version of
the Schuman coal-steel merger
plan was so far removed from
the French concept that it did
not even represent a compromise.
The spokesman was replying to
a suggestion by Mr. Harold Mac-
millan, the British Conservative
delegate to the Council of Europe,
that the High Authority envisaged
by the French Foreign Minister
could be overruled when neces-
sary.

The spokesman said: "The
Schuman Plan was a revolution-
ary proposal, for the first
time, it provided for the setting
up of a supra-national authority
outside governments."

"The British Conservative pro-
posal pushed aside this French
idea and further more opened the
way for paralysis through a sug-
gested veto."—Reuter.

**STUDENTS KILLED
IN CENTRAL INDIA**

New Delhi, August 9.

Two students were killed and
three seriously injured when
police fired over a Communist-
sponsored procession in Gwalior,
a former Princely state in Central
India, reports said today.

The procession, held against
police orders, was staged to de-
mand a reduction in fees. Police
fired when students attacked them
with missiles.—Associated Press.

Issue of Turkey's request

London, August 9.

In (the British Government's
view, Turkey's admission as a
member of the Atlantic Pact
must rest on the collective
decision of the North Atlantic
treaty nations, official sources
said today.

They said the question of Tur-
key's admission would be dis-
cussed at the next meeting of the
Atlantic pact signatories in New
York starting on September 15.

"We have no intention of going
to the meeting with our own
policy outlined. It would be im-
politic for a government to say
now whether or not they favour
Turkey's membership. It is a
question that must be faced with
other members of the pact," offi-
cials said.

It is not expected that all mem-
bers of the pact would favour
Turkey's admission. Norway and
Denmark are expected to have
some objections on the grounds
that it would mean a division of
defence forces in their own areas.

Officials said that Greece is
likely to follow Turkey's example
and apply for membership of the
pact and that her admission must
be approved in the same way by
the collective decision of other
signatories.—United Press.

Destined for Korea:

Almost 30,000 troops pledged by UN Nations

Lake Success, August 9.

Responding to the call of the United Nations Secretary General Mr.
Trygve Lie, eight nations have pledged almost 30,000 fully-equipped
ground troops for the Korean war and more offers are expected soon,
the latest tabulations disclosed today.

This is in addition to five United States divisions totalling approximately
90,000 men which are either in combat or about to enter into ac-
tion. Seven nations have offered naval forces and four nations have
pledged air force units.

Besides this, dozens of UN mem-
bers have offered air transport,
merchant marine specialists, field
hospitals, ambulance units, bases,
training grounds and economic
assistance.

The following is a breakdown
on the offers of direct military as-
sistance and on forces actually
engaged in combat:

Ground troops: Britain—one
fully integrated brigade consisting
of 3,500 to 4,000 men, to be shipped
at any moment. Thailand—4,000
men in the process of recruitment
and training. Turkey—4,500 men
for shipment. Canada 5,000 men
in organisation. Australia—1,200
men in organisation. New Zea-
land—1,500 men in organisation
The Philippines—5,000 to 6,000
men in organisation. Nicaragua—
5,000 men, status unknown.

Britain is likely to increase
her contribution if the need
arises. So are Canada, Aus-
tralia and New Zealand. Aus-
tralia is reported to have a
voluntary enlistment of 13,000
men who can be integrated in an
expeditionary force.
The Philippines may offer more

manpower if either the United
States or the United Nations is
willing to equip them. Ethiopia
has offered troops, but did not
specify the number. Pakistan is
likely to make an offer soon.
Bolivia has offered 30 officers.

Navy: Britain—a Far Eastern
fleet consisting of 23 ships plus
two carriers in action. The United
States—the Seventh Fleet and
part of the Pacific Fleet in combat
duty in Korea and patrol duty
around Formosa.

The following are en route to
Korea: Canada—three destroyers
Australia—two destroyers. New
Zealand—one destroyer. France
—one 1,900-ton sloop. The
Netherlands—one warship, un-
identified.

Air Force: Britain—naval air
arm of the Far Eastern Fleet, in
action. The United States—un-
classified strategic and tactical
bombing and fighter units, in ac-
tion. Canada—one air transport
squadron engaged in an airlift to
Korea. Australia—one fighter
group in action.

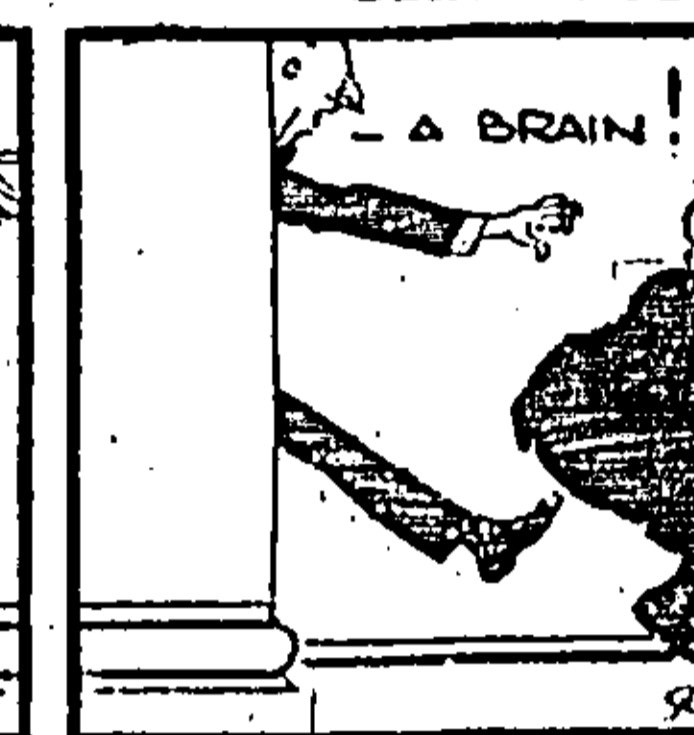
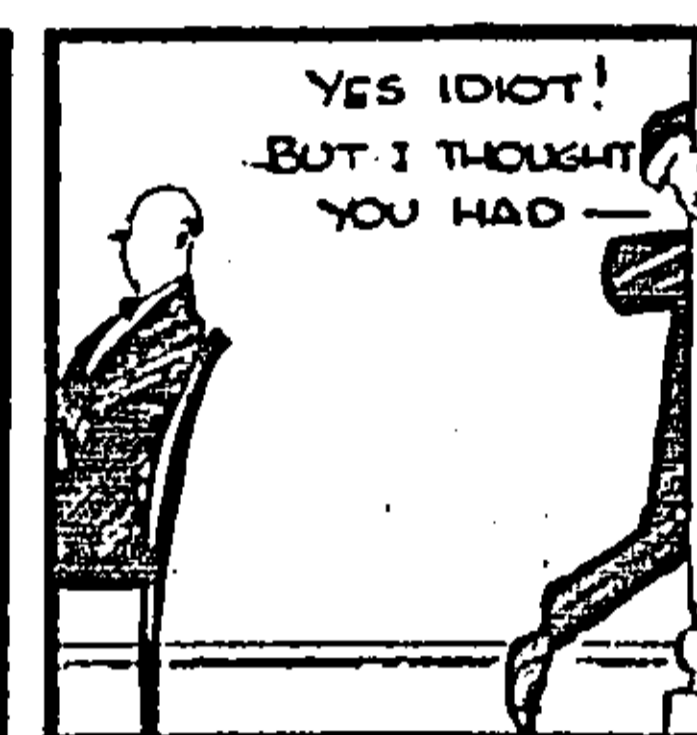
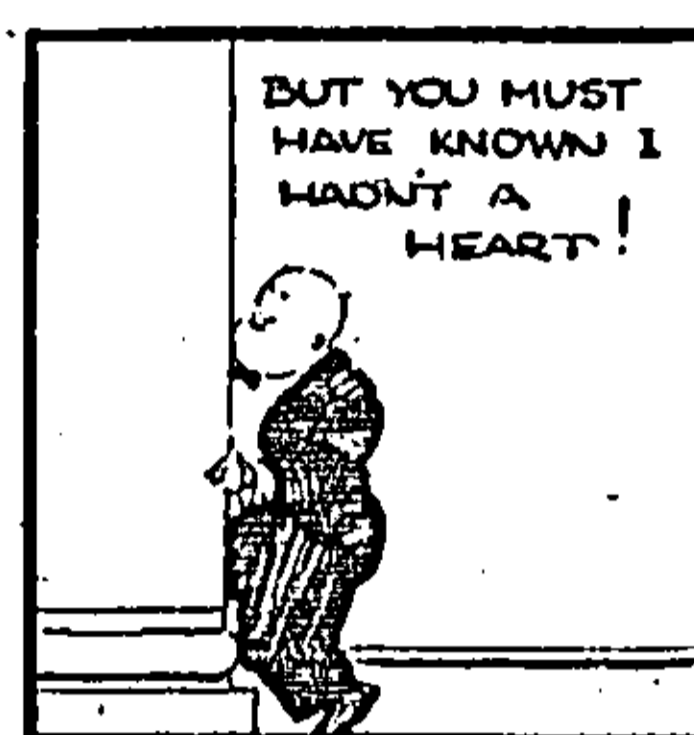
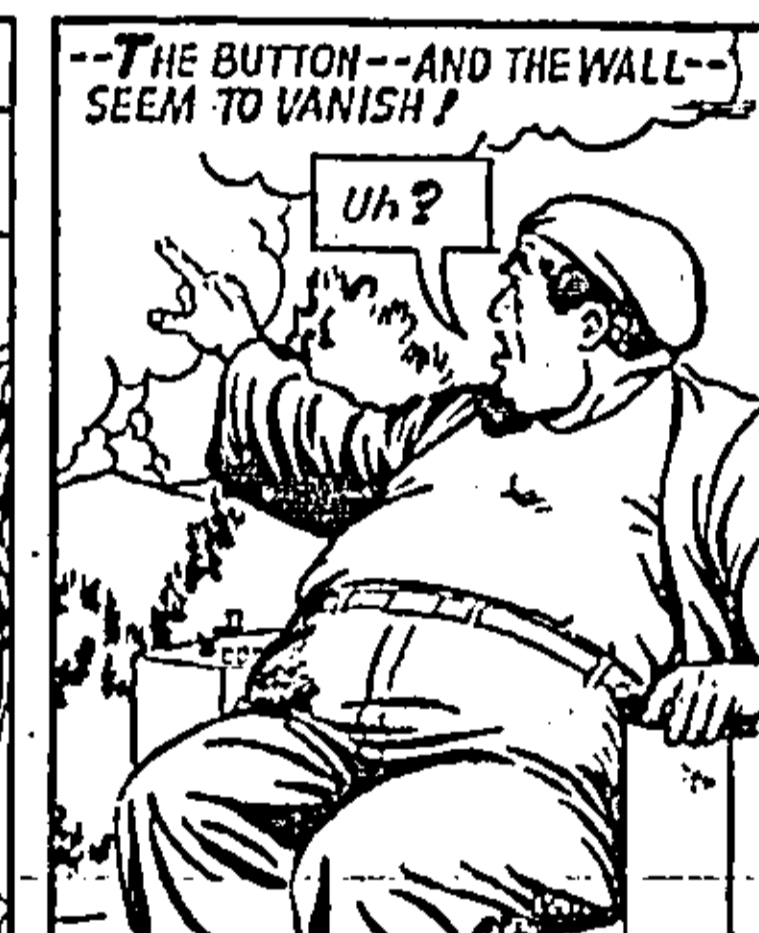
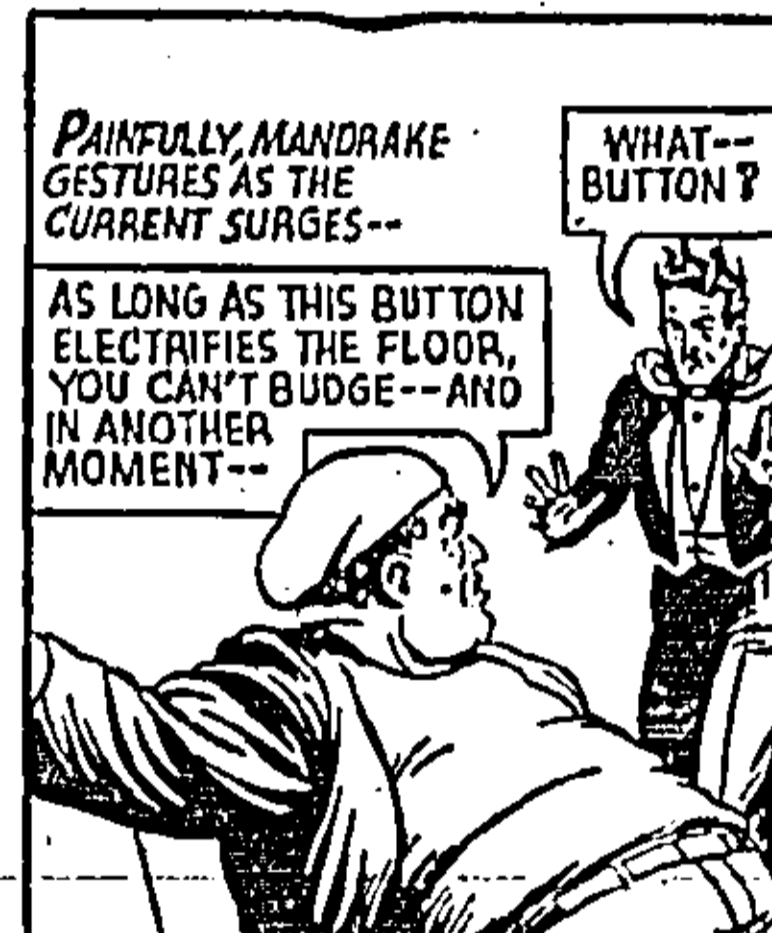
Belgium has offered air trans-
port assistance, India one field

ambulance unit, Sweden one field
hospital, Norway, undisclosed
tonnage of merchant marine,
Panama, air and naval bases and
training grounds. Several Latin
American countries are in consul-
tation with the United Command,
as to the possibility of providing
ground troops.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union
today continued its boycott of
the United Nations Commission
for conventional armaments,
which met to approve a work-
ing committee's progress report
and to send it to the Security
Council.

The Commission, composed of 11
members of the Security Council,
was organised to draw up a world-
wide census of conventional ar-
ms, excluding atomic weap-
ons, and to make proposals on
possible disarmament.

Jacob Malik of Russia, one of
whose titles is representative on
the Conventional Armaments
Commission, failed to show
up when the working committee
and full Commission convened here to-
day and none of his numerous al-
ternates was on hand.—United
Press.

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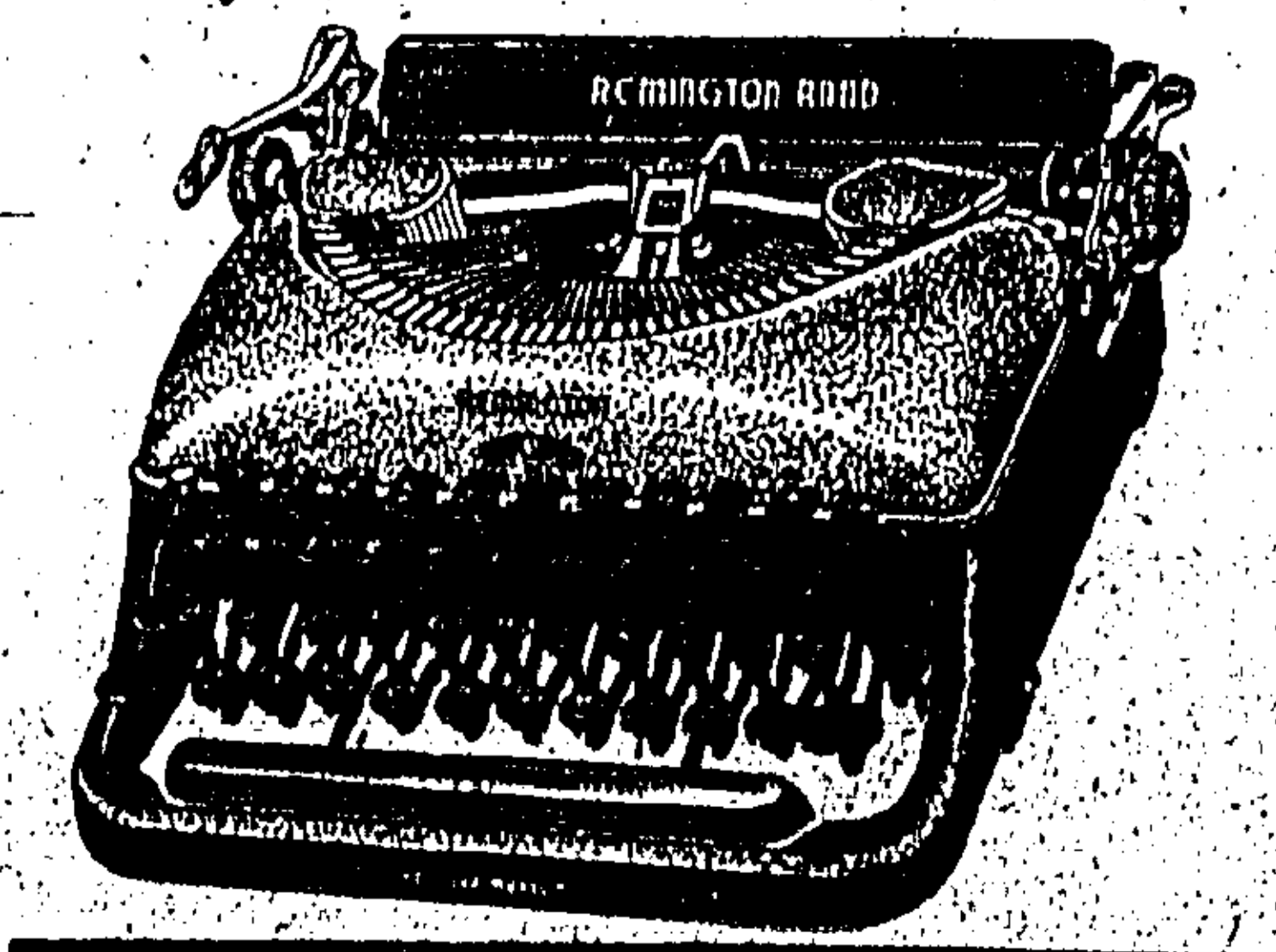
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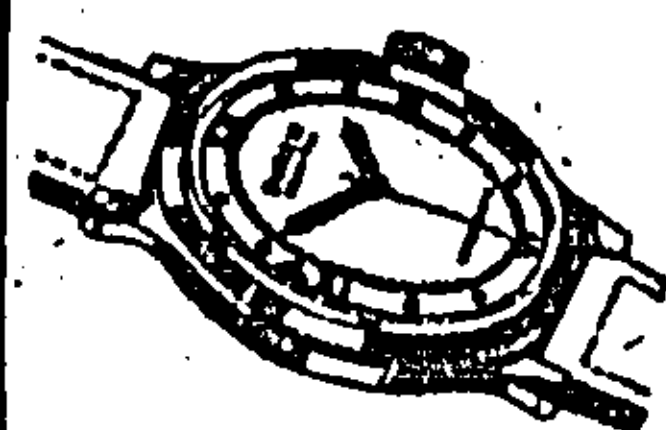
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HK Hockey Association
seeking to join Int'l
Hockey Convention

The Hong Kong Hockey Association is seeking to join the International Hockey Convention at Geneva and has written to that body seeking guidance in the matter.

This information was disclosed by Mr. J. H. Blinks, Secretary of the Hong Kong Hockey Association, at a Council meeting of the Association held yesterday.

The meeting also approved of the applications of the following teams for entry in the First Division of the Hong Kong Hockey League:

Army, Recreation "A," Recreation "B," Hong Kong Hockey Club, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and Police.

The meeting was informed that the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club had not yet applied for entry to the First Division of the League this season.

Chinese Press
Swimming Gala

The Hong Kong Chinese Pressmen's Athletic Association will be holding its first Swimming Gala since the Re-occupation on Saturday, August 19, beginning at 1 p.m. and also on Sunday, August 20.

The Gala will be held at the Chung Sing Pavilion and in the evening of August 19 there will be a Concert, in which well-known Chinese movie actors and actresses will take part.

On Sunday, August 20, there will be a rowing boat race from Whitty Street to the Chung Sing Swimming Pavilion for members of the Association.

There is also a special event in the Aquatic Meet for European Members of the Hong Kong Press, and all are reminded that entries close on August 12 (tomorrow).

The following are the events:

50 metres free-style; 150 metres medley; 100 metres free-style; 4 x 50 relay open to all Chinese in the Colony; Lady-reporters' 25 metres free-style; 4 x 50 metres free-style relay for Press workmen; 50 metres back-stroke; 2 x 25 metres relay for families; 25 metres beginner's race; 100 metres breast-stroke; 400 metres free-style; 100 metres free-style for European Pressmen; Throwing the water polo ball; 100 metres free-style for "Over 40" members of the Press.

Sunday, August 20

Rowing race from the waterfront at Whitty Street to the Chung Sing Bathing Pavilion.

Washbrook not
fit for fourth
Test match

London, August 9.

Cyril Washbrook, the Lancashire and England opening batsman, as the result of a medical examination, has been found unfit to take part in a five-day Test match.

He has therefore withdrawn from the England team to meet the West Indies in the fourth and final Test match which begins at the Oval on Saturday.

The MCC have announced that D. S. Sheppard, of Cambridge University and Sussex, has been invited to take his place in the list of 12 players from whom the England team will be selected.

A groin strain

Washbrook, who recently declined an invitation to tour Australia with the MCC next winter, suffered a groin strain during the Lancashire versus Yorkshire match over the week-end.

He played again today against Worcester at Old Trafford and was reported to show "traces of a limp" while making 13 runs.

Sheppard, who excels as a strike player, is a hard-hitting right-handed batsman who has scored over 1,500 runs this season. He is 21 and opens for Cambridge.

TENNIS RESULTS

In their Men's Doubles "C" Division league match played at Tai Hang yesterday, the United Services Recreation Club lost to the Chinese Recreation Club "1" eight sets to one.

The United Services Recreation Club turned up one man short and had to concede three sets to the Chinese team.

The following are the results of the sets played:

Men's Doubles "C" Division
C.R.C. "1" 8-0 U.S.R.C. 1
S. K. Wong and P. Kwok (C.R.C.) beat Readhead and Weeks (U.S.R.C.) 8-0; beat Catley and Tottle 6-2; won on a walk-over from Fisher and partner.

W. K. Ma and P. L. Pan (C.R.C.) beat Readhead and Weeks 6-0; lost to Catley and Tottle 4-0; won on a walk-over from Fisher and partner.

W. Wu and T. W. Chu (C.R.C.) beat Readhead and Weeks 6-0; beat Catley and Tottle 6-3; won on a walk-over from Fisher and partner.

DAVIS CUP:

Sedgman to meet
Bergelin in
Inter-Zone final

New York, August 9.

Frank Sedgman, of Australia, and Lennart Bergelin, of Sweden, have been drawn to meet in the first round singles match on Friday in the Davis Cup Inter-Zone final at the Westchester Country Club here.

The second singles on the same day will be between John Bromwich, of Australia, and Torsten Johansson, of Sweden.

On Saturday, Sedgman and Bromwich will represent Australia in the doubles against Sven Davidson and Bergelin, and on Sunday the singles players will change opponents.

The winners of this clash between Australia and Sweden will earn the right to challenge the United States who are the holders of the trophy.

FRIENDLY
TENNIS MATCH

The Hong Kong Cricket Club "B" Division tennis team will play a friendly match with Major J. Wilson's team on Monday, August 14, at Chater Road, beginning at 8.15 p.m.

WATER POLO

The water polo league carried on yesterday with South China beating Chung Shing "Blue" by three goals to one at the South China pool. In another match between Hai Tin and Chung Shing "Red," the latter forfeited when they failed to turn up.

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SPORT STARS SHOW YOU HOW . . . No. 17

Warwickshire's
lead over visitors

Birmingham, August 10.

Warwickshire had a first innings lead of 68 runs with four wickets standing over West Indies when lunch was taken on the second day of their match here today. Warwickshire were 224 for six at the interval.

A crowd of 20,000 was present when Jones, the fast bowler, and Valentine, left-arm spinner, opened the West Indies attack. Jones was the more menacing bowler and at 102 Spooner was missed at the slips off a ball that moved away.

Worrell relieved Valentine and the scoring rate dropped slightly but the partnership was worth 50 after 45 minutes.

Wolton took his score to 50 in a hundred minutes.

Worrell and Pierre took the new ball but failed to check the batsmen and the partnership reached three figures in 65 minutes.

Wolton's first innings ended at 210 when he was bowled off his boot by Pierre. He hit 15 fours and completed his thousand runs for the season for the first time.

The sixth wicket yielded 123 in a hundred minutes and Wolton had played all the bowling confidently. Spooner and Kardar remained together until lunch.

Scores:
West Indies—1st Innings 156
Warwickshire—1st Innings
F. C. Gardner, c Worrell, b Pierre 8
J. R. Thompson, c Stollmeyer, b Jones 26
Don Taylor, c and b Worrell 24
J. S. Ord, c and b Jones 7
H. E. Dooly, lbw b Valentine 3
Wolton, b Pierre 49
Spooner, not out 48
Kardar, not out 40
Extras 20

Total (for six) 224
Wickets fell at: 1-12, 2-44, 3-55, 4-53, 5-87 and 6-210.

Wednesday's play

Birmingham, August 9.

On a pitch which gave the bowlers plenty of assistance, 15 wickets fell for 243 runs on the first day here of the match between Warwickshire and the West Indies touring team.

The touring side, after winning the toss, were dismissed for 156 runs but Warwickshire also found runs hard to get, and at the close of play had replied with 87 runs for five wickets in their first innings.

Charles Grove put in his finest performance in first-class cricket and returned the best figures against the West Indies when he took eight wickets for 88 runs with his fast medium deliveries.

A crowd of over 20,000 saw the touring team struggling for runs on a greenish-looking wicket, out of which the pace bowlers at times extracted plenty of life.

At the lunch interval earlier the West Indies had scored 97 runs for the loss of three wickets.

Ball rises sharply

Rae touched a ball in Grove's second over with the ball rising sharply, and was taken at the wicket. The same combination of bowler (Grove) and wicketkeeper (Spooner) took Stollmeyer, the opening West Indies batsman, who also played a ball which rose and moved away quickly.

Continual efforts were coming to the batsmen but they were never really comfortable and a few struck again at 61 runs when Worrell added an innings run on and broke the wicket.

At that stage Grove had set his sights on 100 runs in 15 overs, four of which were maidens. Matchall and Walcott then proceeded to stand firm until lunch.

The West Indies were all out for 156 runs when the first day's play ended. The second day of the match began at 10.15 a.m. on Friday.

Ray Robinson
outpoints
Charlie Fusari

Jersey City, New Jersey, August 10.

Sugar Ray Robinson retained his world welterweight championship last night by outpointing Charlie Fusari in their 15-round bout at the Roosevelt Stadium—United Press.

Close of play
scores in
County cricket

London, August 9.

The following were the close of play scores for first-class cricket games played today:

At Leeds: Yorkshire 354 for eight (Louson 91, Watson 132, Wilson 61) against Northamptonshire.

At Hastings: Sussex 302 for five (John Langridge, 70, Sheppard 129) against Surrey.

At Derby: Gloucestershire 304 for four (Emmett 80, T. Gravney 67, Young 123 not out) against Derbyshire.

At Manchester: Worcester 80 (Travis, right-arm medium offspin bowler, seven for 24, Hill-ton, left-arm slow bowler, three for 29), Lancashire 207 (Ikin 53, Grieves 74, Chesteron, right-arm offspin, six for 61).

At Canterbury: Middlesex 240 (Dewes 60, Sharp 62, Wright, right-arm medium legbreak bowler, five for 61), Kent 18 for one.

At Swansea: Glamorgan 247 for six (Jones 115, Watkins 50) against Hampshire.

At Leicester: Essex 277 (Avery 59, Dods 53, Walsh, left-arm spin bowler, eight for 110), Leicestershire 131 for three (Palmer 54, Watkin-super-Mare 207, 224 for eight (Harris 88) against Somerset.—Reuter.

IRC BEAT PRC
AT LAWN BOWLS

In their Third Division Lawn Bowls League encounter at Sooknoppo yesterday, the Indian Recreation Club defeated the Police Recreation Club 69 shots to 38, winning on all risks.

IRC
I. Kitchell 10
F. A. Bux 10
A. R. Kitchell 10
A. R. Kitchell 10
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KDC POSTPONED
LAWN BOWLS
FIXTURES

The following postponed Third Division Lawn Bowls League fixtures have been arranged by the Kowloon Dock Club's Lawn Bowls Convenor, Mr. J. V. Ramsey, in conjunction with the Convenors of the two Clubs concerned:

Saturday, August 12 v IRC at KDC.
Saturday, August 19 v HKERC at KDC.
Saturday, August 26 v IRC at IRC.

BASEBALL
SCORES

New York, August 9.

Today's baseball scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston Red Sox 1, New York Yankees 2
Detroit Tigers 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Philadelphia Phillies 5, Brooklyn Dodgers 3
New York Giants 2, St. Louis Cardinals 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati Reds 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 3
St. Louis Cardinals 1, New York Giants 2
Brooklyn Dodgers 3, Philadelphia Phillies 5
San Francisco Giants 1, Los Angeles Dodgers 0

Man with the right
answer has got the job

By DENIS COMPTON

So the man with the answer to the Ramadhis, the Valentines and the rest of the cunning merchants has got the job of leading us in Australia next winter.

I'm glad, and I'm pretty certain that most cricketers will be just as pleased.

Freddie Brown showed us on Wednesday that aggression is not yet dead so far as cricket is concerned, although many of us, myself included, were beginning to think that it was.

For that is the answer to much of our cricket trouble. Not mark you, indiscriminate bashing, but open shouldered, quick-footed hitting, with a capital H, turning good length balls into full volleys and over pitched ones into full tosses.

And all with one simple object—to let the fellow with the ball know that the fellow with the bat is boss.

When the Northants skipper went out to bat against the Players, and six men were back in the pavilion for a very modest score, you could see by the set of his jaw that he meant business.

I can imagine him saying under his breath, "Call yourselves bowlers! I'll soon show you who's who around here." And he did.

There are some knocks you never forget. This was one of them. And don't imagine that the bowling was tripe. Far from it. Doug Wright in particular, was in as good form as I've ever seen him. But it was all grist to Freddie's mill.

Not that the innings was perfect—that kind of knock never is—but every minute was exhilarating, particularly after the gropings at Trent Bridge and Lord's.

The right moment

I know that watching from the pavilion I felt as though I'd had a tonic. I'm sure the selectors felt the same way too. In fact, it may be that the whole of English cricket had a shot in the arm as a result.

It's a big thing to say, I know, to suggest that one innings could have such an effect but I don't think I am exaggerating.

It came at just the right moment, just when we had got our tails down, me too, I must admit.

Now I feel that with such a man in charge we shall fight every inch of the way for the Ashes; in fact, Freddie will see to it that we do.

The remainder of the selectors' first dozen are a very mixed bunch, and they can be few far between with the choice.

Naturally, I'm as bucked as it is possible to be at being one of the party. My knee feels a hundred per cent better already!

All by amateurs

And while I think of it, let me make my peace with the many sports country folk, who, quite naturally, got hot under the collar when they read in this column a list of players I thought probable for Australia.

The names of Hutton and Washbrook were not included. I can assure all those who wrote to me that I did include Len and Cyril in my list but that, through some error in transmission, they did not find their way in print.

I was just as annoyed as you, Yorkshire and Lancashire friends, when I saw what had happened, when I saw what had happened, when I saw what had happened.

It's a curious thing, but the three greatest aggressive innings I have seen have all been made by amateurs. Freddie Brown's epic was one of them, of course. The others were his by Hugh Barritt and Martin Donnelly, also in Glamorgan's players' matches.

When I pointed this out to a friend, he suggested that amateurs haven't got so much in worry about when they are batting.

I don't think that is the reason. After all, in the Gentlemen's V Players games you're not fighting for a place in your country's Test team and as such, may have had some effect on nerves.

I was privileged to be invited to a private luncheon party given at Lord's by Sir Pelham Warner in a group of cricket fans, of the past—Patsy Hendren, Jack Hobbs, Frank Woolley, Douglas Jardine and J. W. Henne. Guess what we talked about? You're quite right—cricket!

Jardine optimistic

Hobby and Jardine were chomping over experience in Test cricket in Australia, and said some rather uncompromising things about the standard of umpiring "Down Under" in their day.

There's no question that things are a lot better in that respect than they used to be, but I have recollections of queer decisions in Australia matches I played in.

Gill umpires are human, I suppose, but some seem to make more mistakes than others. Jardine, by the way, was quite complimentary about the forthcoming Ashes tour.

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EUROPEAN GAMES:

Britain selects strongest team

London, August 9.

Britain has selected her strongest team for the European Games in Brussels between August 23-27.

Team Manager Jack Crump said today that the 33 men and 14 women who would participate in the Games formed, in his opinion, a better team than that which competed in the London Olympics in 1948.

Britain's best athlete in Brussels is likely to be John Wilkinson, the Oxford University medical student, who has been nominated for the two sprints, the 400 metres and the 1,000 metres (four by 400 relay).

Youngest stars

The youngest stars will be 16-year-old June Foulds and 17-year-old Valerie Webster, who have been picked for the women's 100 metres and long jump respectively.

Another young girl in the team will be 16-year-old Diane Condes, holder of the British javelin record.

Because of the high qualifying standards, no British nominations have been made for the pole vault and javelin in the men's events and the weight and discus in the women's championships.

Crump said the British team would be the largest sent to the championships and possibly only Belgium and France would be stronger numerically.—Associated Press.

HAMBLETONIAN STAKES WINNER

New York, August 9.

Lustong Song, owned by E.J. Hayes of Duquoin, Illinois, and driven by Del Miller, won the Hambletonian stakes today in two straight heats.

Both times Lustong Song trotted the kite-shaped one-mile track in two minutes two seconds.

It was the richest of all Hambletonians with a prize money of \$18,000.—United Press.

BASKETBALL

The visiting Singapore All-Stars basketball team overwhelmed the Chung Shing team in an exciting match played at the South China ground yesterday. The visitors won by 61 to 41.